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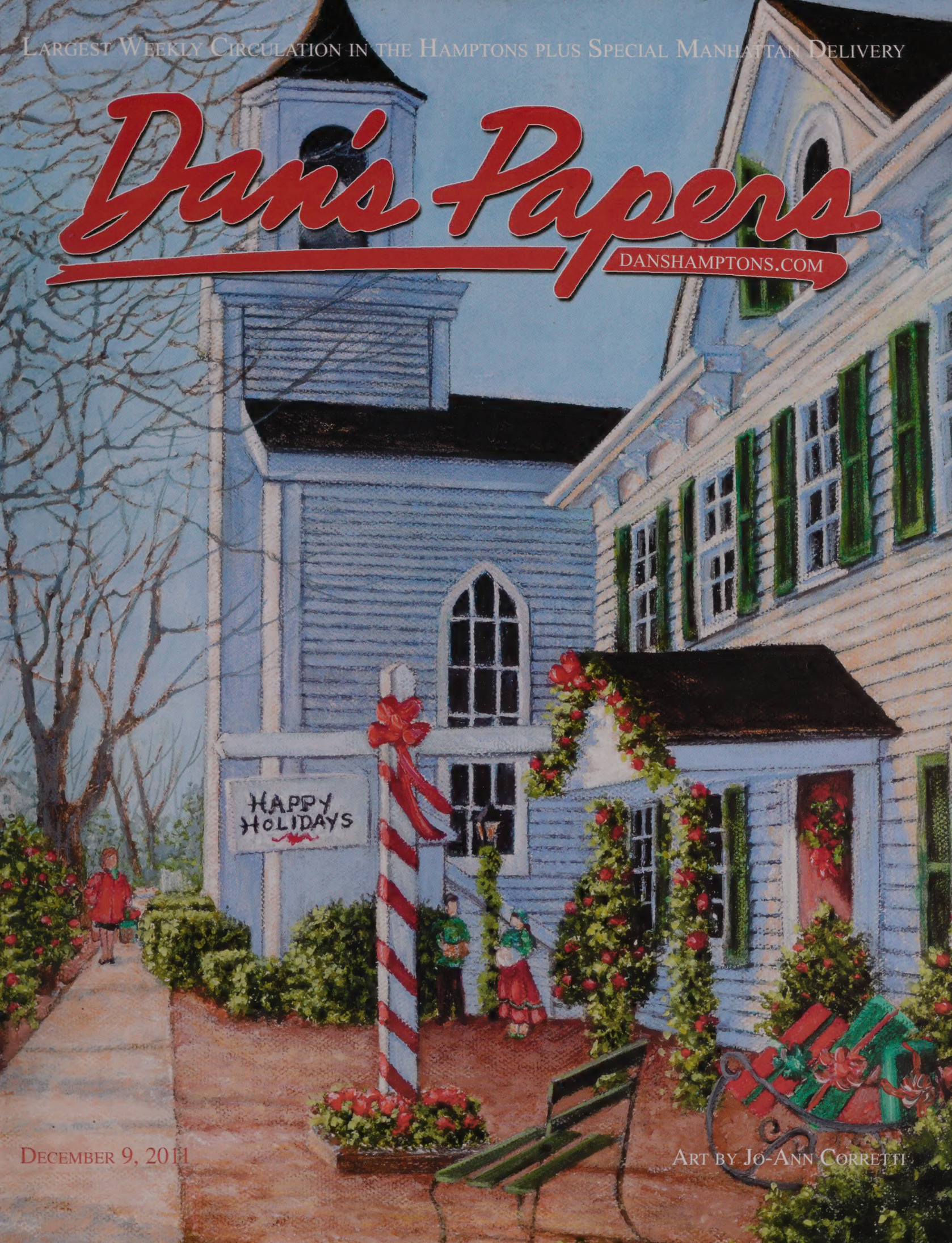

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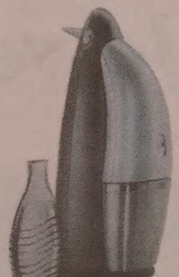

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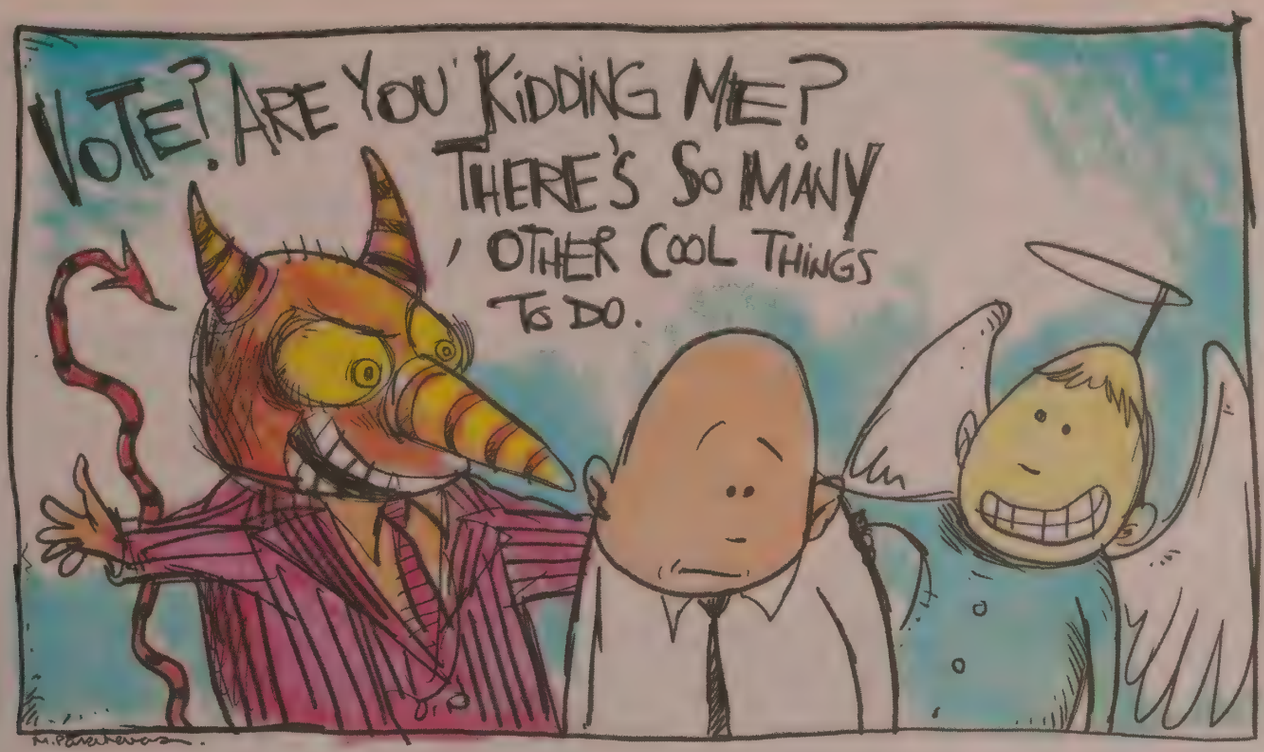

Your Vote Counts

It Really Does. If 8 People Voted Differently in East Hampton...

By Dan Rattiner

You want to know how important your vote is? Consider this. Nearly 6,800 people voted on November 8 to determine who would be the next supervisor for the Town of East Hampton. If 8 people who voted for Bill Wilkinson had instead voted for Zach Cohen, the future of East Hampton Airport would be much different than its past—and possibly even torn up and shut down.

Here's how high the stakes were. Leading up to this election, one group of people argued that the thriving airport, owned by the Town but run by the Federal Aviation Administration, should continue along as is. And then there was another group of people arguing that the noise of the planes and helicopters coming and going had become intolerable, and what they wanted was it shut down.

Two members of the five-man town board were on one side, two members were on the other side, and the fifth man, with a decision about the airport looming, would be the winner of the Town Supervisor race. Bill Wilkinson, the incumbent, favored the airport. Zach Cohen, the challenger, has said he'd vote to send the F.A.A. packing.

The campaign was bitter. Campaign signs were defaced. The Town Budget Director, Len Bernard, who is not even running, was accused of using town property to fight for his boss Bill Wilkinson. He was sending messages out on a town-owned computer. As election day approached, the town board braced itself for a show-down, because decisions about the F.A.A. needed to be made imminently. There would be a decisive meeting on Thursday night, December 1, four weeks after the election. One way or another the vote would be 3-2. If Wilkinson won, they'd stay the course. If Cohen won, they'd head down this path to kick out the F.A.A. and bring the East Hampton Airport completely under the town's direct control. And from there, it would only be a short way to shutting out the helicopters and, eventually, shutting down the airport entirely.

This airport had been built in a forest back in the 1930s. But housing developments had grown up around it. The noise was intolerable. Or so those living there said.

Three separate action groups were formed to carry the banner for the residents now living in the shadow of the airport. One, Quiet Skies, was created as an offshoot of Dark Skies, the highly effective organization dedicated to putting an end to glare in all outdoor public and private lighting clusters.

Election day came. It was expected that by 10 p.m., two hours after the polls closed, a winner in the Wilkinson-Cohen contest would be announced. One would concede and thank everybody for their help. The other would make a victory speech and announce that now the town could move forward into the future with renewed (or new) confidence.

That's not what happened. The initial tally, without the write-in votes and without any challenges which would come later, showed Wilkinson leading Cohen by just 177 votes. It was too close to call.

As a matter of fact, as the days went by and stretched into weeks, it got even closer than too close to call. The reason? The original votes had to go through a recount. And then there were 840 absentee votes, in unopened envelopes, still to be counted—which, if history were any guide, would be more for Cohen, the Democrat than for Wilkinson the Republican. Advantage Cohen.

Then there were about 70 challenges to be dealt with. There were reasons why certain people might have voted when they shouldn't have and during the recount, the monitors pointed them out. For example, if they were already registered voters in New York City they'd be ineligible to vote from their second homes in East Hampton. Most of the challenges came from the Wilkinson camp.

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More days went by. Slowly but surely, Wilkinson's lead melted away.

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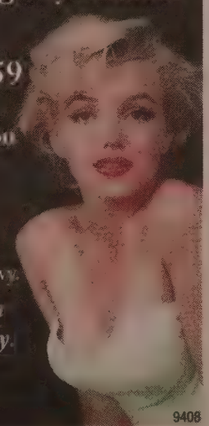

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

Celebs, debs, artists and foodies of every stripe continue to flock to Sag Harbor's Saturday Farmers Market – the only year-round farmers market on the East End. Socialite **Adelaide de Menil** filled up a tote bag last week.

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Owen Wilson reportedly spent three nights at the Harborfront Inn in Greenport. Locals speculated Wilson was there to visit his ex-girlfriend **Jade Duell** and their 10-month-old son, **Robert Ford**.

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Star of "We Need to Talk About Kevin," **Ezra Miller** and **Shailene Woodley** of "The Descendants," along with two friends enjoyed dinner at Southampton hotspot 75 Main.

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Emma Roberts was seen browsing and shopping for cashmere at the **Christopher Fischer** Cashmere store in East Hampton.

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Jason Kidd, star point guard for the Dallas Mavericks, reportedly killed time during the NBA shutdown by buying a six-bedroom, 5,500-square foot home in Water Mill for $6 million.

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Cartoonist **Gahan Wilson** sent *Dan's Papers* Sections Editor **Stacy Dermont** a very special "thank you," an original drawing of his *Nuts* character. Check it our on page 42. Apparently Wilson enjoyed Stacy's review of his new graphic novel *Nuts* in *Dan's*—the character is smiling.

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Hamptons resident and bestselling *Sex and the City* author **Candace Bushnell** is returning to the sizzling singles scene that made her famous, as she and her husband, ballet dancer **Charles Askegard**, have filed for divorce. The couple was together nine years.

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Amangansett's **Alec Baldwin** joined **Normal Lear** in headlining the People for the American Way Foundation's 30th anniversary dinner at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel this week.

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East Ender **Gwyneth Paltrow** recently landed the #16 spot on *GQ* magazine's list of 2011's least influential people.

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Several Hamptonites attended a private viewing of Christie's **"Elizabeth Taylor** Collection" last week, including **Sarah Jessica Parker**, **Martha Stewart** and **Dylan Lauren**. Among the treasures on display was the $3 million, 33-carat engagement ring Taylor received from **Richard Burton**. Also auctioned off was a handmade jacket by **Amy Zerner** of Springs. You can buy Zerner's latest at Bergdorf's.

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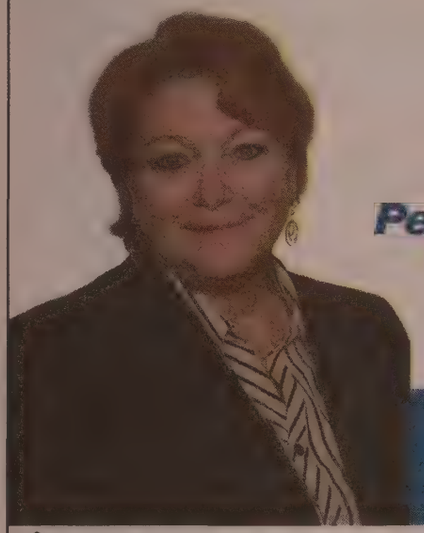

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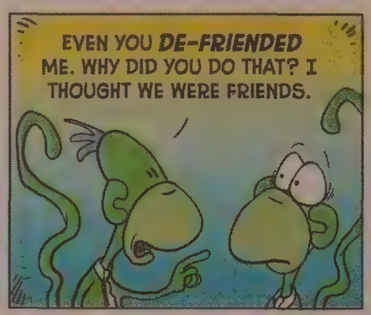

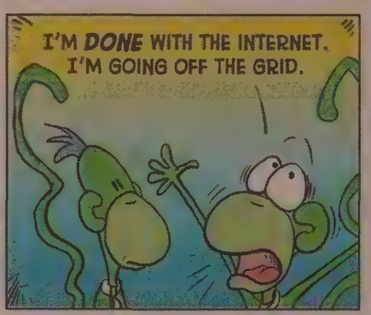

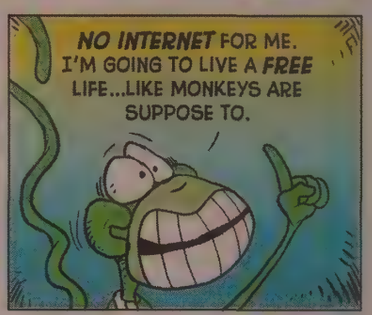

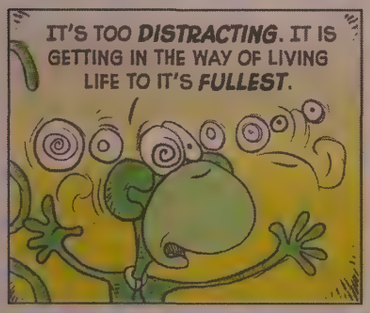

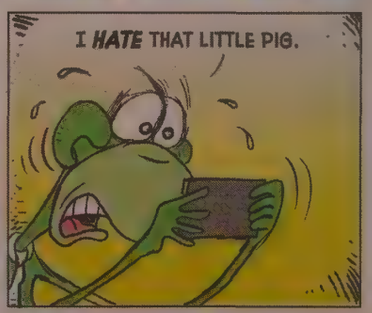

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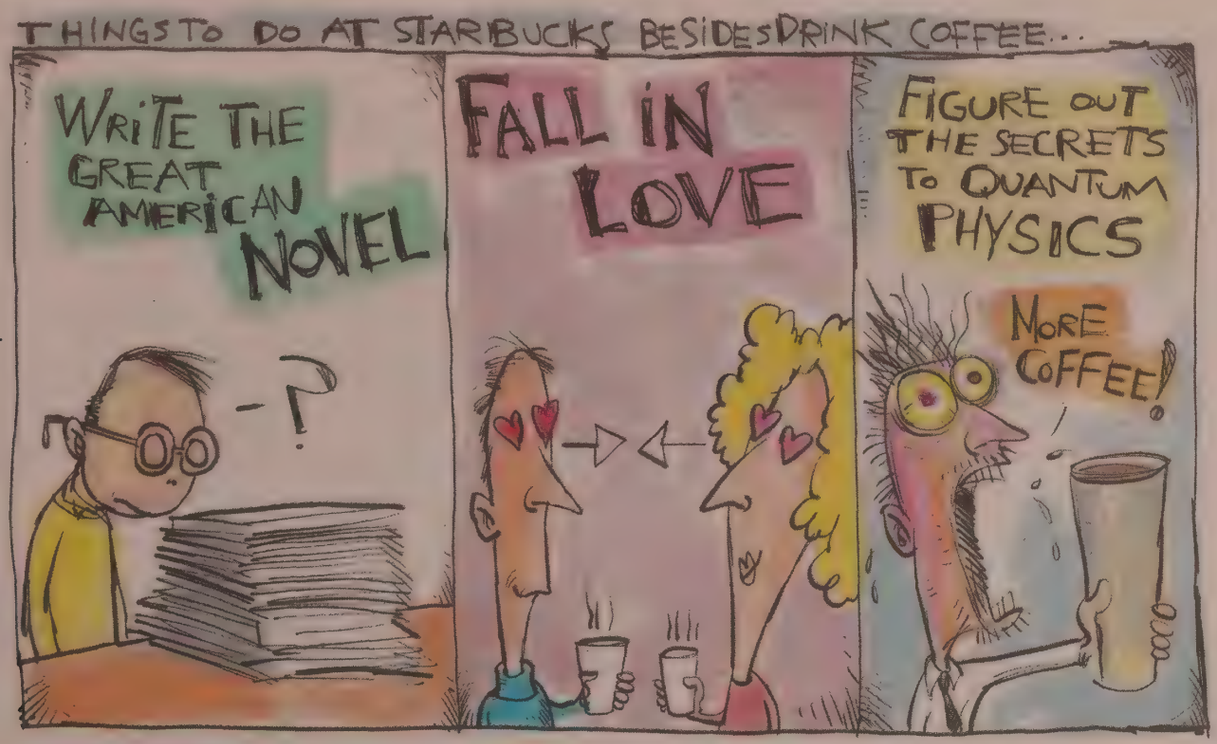
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Going to New York

Encounters with Obama, a Barista, an Insurance Man and a Lady

By Dan Rattiner

I took the Hampton Jitney in to New York City on Wednesday afternoon to see the new Willem de Kooning Exhibit appearing at the Museum of Modern Art. For the last 35 years of his life, de Kooning, one of the greatest painters who ever lived, worked in a studio behind a modest house he and his wife Elaine owned on Woodbine Drive in Springs, not far from my home. The exhibit is extensive and arranged chronologically. The first painting is one he did in his native Holland when he was 12 years old. One can follow the exhibit through six gallery rooms and see how his work transformed over time. He died in 1997.

The plan was that my wife and I would meet up at our apartment at 6 p.m. and then tour the exhibit and afterwards go out for dinner.

I wrote a story for the newspaper about the recent local elections here in the Hamptons on my laptop on the Jitney on the way in and just finished up as we arrived up at 86th Street on Third Avenue at 5 p.m. I disembarked into a light rain, and began, without an umbrella, to walk toward our apartment nearby. At Lexington Avenue, I called my wife on her cellphone to let her know I'd arrived.

"I'm not at the apartment yet," she said. "I won't be there until a little after 6 p.m. And also, you should know that 85th Street is completely blocked off, even to pedestrian traffic. Obama is at a fundraiser there. So come across 84th Street."

I could see the flashing lights of the many police cars up ahead. I also thought—I need to edit what I wrote. There was a Starbucks on the corner of Lex and 85th. I'd go there, I thought, and still get home by 6 p.m. I also noticed that across from the Starbucks was Little Brown Coffee, another choice. But I decided to stick with Starbucks.

There was a long line at the counter at Starbucks, and I saw that all of the little round tables and chairs were taken, except

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MONTAUK LIGHTHOUSE AS FEDERAL LANDMARK

By Kelly Laffey

The "Montauk is a quaint little drinking town with a fishing problem" bumper sticker is a ubiquitous fixture on vehicles canvasing Long Island. But the charming, laid-back lifestyle that seems to so acutely describe "The End" is just an exclamation point that underscores the community's more significant contributions to the fabric of American culture. On December 1, the lighthouse's application for national historic landmark status received a huge boost when the landmarks committee of the National Park System Advisory Board recommended that it be added to that elite register. Only 2,500 sites in the country have this status. There are about 80,000 sites on the National Register of Historic Places, which designation the Lighthouse already has. But becoming a National Historic Landmark is a whole different matter.

The Federal Government provides massive grant funding to keep up Federal Landmarks. Working through the states, the program offers Technical Preservation Services, a service which constantly monitors the landmarks and provides technical information and guidance for their care. Through its Section 106, the federal government offers alternate plans to any construction project that might possibly harm an historic property. It can provide funding to avoid floods or erosion damage not otherwise available, it can repair and rehabilitate deteriorated structures. Separate from that, every year a limited number of sites in this program receive an in-depth site inspection funded and coordinated by the National Park Service regional offices to analyze the condition of the landmark, identify and prioritize recommended work treatments and estimate the costs of the work. The program is also a great help in steering these projects to various grant opportunities, many of which are available through the Historic Preservation Fund.

As the Montauk Historical Society's Eleanor Ehrhardt pointed out, "The main reason we have pursued this national landmark status is to ensure that the lighthouse can never be torn down or removed, so it will be here for generations to come."

Commissioned by President George Washington and the Second Congress in 1792, the Lighthouse was completed on November 5,

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Truth is, there are more registered Democrats who have summer homes out here than Republican. Advantage Wilkinson.

The recount, the absentee count and the challenged vote determination took place day after day in a large warehouse space filled with banquet tables and lit with florescent lights on Yaphank Road at Exit 67 on the Long Island Expressway. Monitors from the Republican Town Committee were there as were monitors from the Democratic Town Committee. Also present were employees and numerous observers. Early on, there were other recounts going on for other towns at other tables. But at those tables the people began to drift away one after another as the balloting was completed and decisions reached.

Photo by T.J. Clemente

Dressed for Thursday's meeting.

As for East Hampton, at the end, there were just two of the dozen or so tables in use. Jeanne Frankl, the Chairperson of the Town Democratic Party was there at one table with the attorney Sam Kramer facing the Board of Elections people. Adjacent to them were attorneys hired by the Democrats facing more Board of elections people. All were paying close attention as a particular envelope would be opened up, the ballot inside unfolded and then looked at by everyone one at a time for discussion. Occasionally, one side or the other would state an objection, and a more comprehensive discussion would ensue.

More days went by. Slowly but surely, Wilkinson's lead melted away. On Thursday it was down to 151 votes. On Friday it was a 54-vote margin. And then, finally, on Monday, November 17, matters had been resolved on everything except 33 envelopes – and Wilkinson's lead had dropped to just 17.

What would happen with these 33? One after another was presented, discussed and decided upon. One for Cohen, one for Wilkinson. The lead dropped to 16, then went back up to 17.

At this point, a strange calmness settled over everybody. All of these people, on both sides of the election, had been working so long they had come to trust the fairness of the process.

"I think you guys won," someone said.

And then everyone realized it was over. Wilkinson was ahead by 15 votes, and there were just 14 envelopes yet to be evaluated. Everyone knew what this meant. Cellphones came out. Calls were made.

"Do we need to open these envelopes?" someone asked.

"No we don't," came the reply. "But we will anyway."

It was over.

And so, the choppers will continue to come into East Hampton Airport as before, but now there surely will be a very vigorous effort to solve the noise problem. Wilkinson had been so widely favored. He had done so much to repair the finances for the town. He had lowered taxes. And now this—hardly a show of confidence. The closeness of it all was truly a shock.

The last 14 votes? Split evenly. The final tally was incumbent Bill Wilkinson 3,403 and challenger Josh Cohen, 3,388.

If you lived in East Hampton, boy did your vote count on November 8.

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1796 and is the oldest lighthouse in New York State. From then until now, it has served an important purpose in Atlantic navigation.

The lighthouse, since 1969, has been a part of a lesser but also important designation—the New York State section of the National Park Services National Register of Historic Places. As part of that program, the Lighthouse currently receives support as an historic site. But whereas the register documents structures or artifacts that play a key role in their specific locale, recognition as a National Historic Landmark means recognition as a national treasure that helped to shape the country's culture.

In the application for National Historic Landmark status, written by Historic Preservation Consultant Robert Hefner, it was argued that, in addition to being authorized

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Pushing Potatoes

How the Long Island Spuds Fared

By Dan Rattiner

In spite of the rise of grape growing on eastern Long Island, one of the largest crops in our farm fields continues to be potatoes. The Long Island Potato crop is not as great as it once was in competition with Idaho and Maine, but it is still a presence, and local potato growers were in the thick of it, so to speak, as the U. S. Department of Agriculture fought mightily to change the rules of what can be served to children in our school cafeterias, something that has not been done in 15 years, hoping that Congress would mandate school lunch laws to curb obesity and childhood diabetes around our nation. The recommendation by the U.S.D.A. was to reduce the amount of potatoes served to kids in school to one cup a week.

The U.S.D.A. said salt, which is usually sprinkled on potatoes, makes you weird, the starch in potatoes made your energy spike and then collapse because it is so easily digested – and this bounce is as severe as the bounce you got in a 12 ounce can of Coke. Specifically, the U.S.D.A. paper urges Congress to mandate broccoli and other green vegetables as replacements for potatoes the other four school days a week.

Other foods were also on the chopping block. The U.S.D.A. saw no redeeming nutritional value in serving pizza for example. And pizza is rampant at school lunch counters.

Lobbyists from Oregon, Idaho and Maine led the good fight for potatoes against the U.S.D.A. in Congress. And they won. Potatoes will not be limited to one cup a week. Eat all the potatoes you want.

There was also a big lobbying effort by the pizza industry in this battle. Thirty years ago, lobbyists tried to get ketchup declared a vegetable after a fight with the U.S.D.A. Now, this time around, the pizza industry scored a triumphant success. Pizza is now also listed as a vegetable. As for the potato one cup a week dropping, the Maine Potato Board honored

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New Discovery About Crickets' Sex Lives

By Dan Rattiner

Scientists are now increasing the study of animals out in their natural habitat rather than the laboratory, and a new paper about crickets has just been published which changes our understanding of some of their behavior.

Male crickets impregnate females in the same way many other creatures do, by inseminating them. Afterwards, the males hang around the females for awhile, and until now it was believed that this was to keep other males away for a time until the sperm could reach the egg.

Now, in the wild, they have found a more correct explanation. Male crickets hang around afterward in order to protect the female they impregnated from danger. If danger approaches, the males emit a sound that alerts the female to hurry and rush into the burrow where all crickets live in safety. The male then waits outside until his female is safely inside. Then he goes in too.

It's been found that female crickets protected in this way are six times more likely to survive a predator out for lunch than a female who is not protected. It also turns out that the male, staying out in the danger longer, is only four times as likely to survive than when he did not have to look after his female. Due to chivalry, sometimes, it costs him his life.

It occurs to me that this might help explain why, in our species, women live longer than men. When a couple hears a noise in the house at night, it's the man who goes down to protect the family. On the Titanic, it was women and children first. Most of the men died. Most of the women survived. I could go on and on, but for those who say women suffer more than men—and this needs to be corrected—I say, as a man, it's no fun to die on average six years before a woman does.

We miss so much, we men do. If a man dies in 2005, his woman lives to see George Bush get his second term, Barack Obama elected, Osama bin Laden killed, New Orleans win the Super Bowl, the Japanese suffer an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown, Mayor Bloomberg win the election, the first commercial all-electric car come on the market, the rise of Lady Gaga, Facebook, Twitter and the smart phone, the overthrow of several dictators, the end of the American Space

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for one chair at one table, opposite of which sat a woman in a pale blue raincoat and white headscarf. I thought—I ought to grab that, and then get a drink when things clear up.

I walked over and asked if I could sit and she said okay. I noticed a metal cane, watery blue eyes. She was quite elderly, perhaps 90. I took my laptop out of its bag.

"Everyone's got an Apple," she said, motioning to a row of tables. I looked. Indeed, all the way down everybody was working on an Apple. "I have one at home too. But I left mine home." There was a twinkle in her eye. "I'm headed out."

"Where you going?" I asked.

"The de Kooning Exhibit," she said. And thus we launched into conversation, which, after a brief time, I cut short, apologizing and motioning to the work I had to do.

I had been working for about 10 minutes when out of the corner of my eye, I saw her get up, give me a little wave and leave. I also thought, seeing there was still a line at the barista counter, to pass on the coffee for awhile. I'd just sit and do my editing.

Two minutes later, someone else sat in the seat opposite me, a slender, middle-aged man in a black suit, cufflinks, tie and a metal lapel pin that had two crossed flags on it. He also had black, newly shined shoes and matching black socks. He was impeccably dressed.

I, on the other hand, was wearing an old, beat-up bomber jacket and a red and blue scarf. I also wore a straw hat. And I was struck by how different we looked and how different we'd look next to the old lady.

The thing is, and I never noticed this before, if you sit down at a computer at a table you usually eat or drink at and there is someone across from you, you have an expectation that whoever is there across from you will remain that person across from you unless there is a polite exchange about it, which in this case there was not. So seeing this fellow, sitting without asking, gave me a start.

I looked for an earpiece. Didn't see one.

"You with Obama?" I asked.

"Nope," he said. "Insurance."

And that was our entire conversation for the next five minutes. After that, he got up and I once again went back to my computer—only to be startled by still another person sitting down.

This was a slender black man, late twenties, wearing a plastic New York Yankees Cap with a big brim facing forward, a black jacket with silver stars on it and on his feet big oversized sneakers. He also carried a small black men's zippered bag, which he set on the table. Out from this, he soon took a cellphone and began texting.

It now occurred to me that neither the old woman, the insurance man, or this guy had bought anything at Starbucks. Counting me, that made four. How does this place make any money? It also occurred to me we were all four completely different characters—we could hardly be more different one from another—and I started laughing.

He looked at me quizzically, and so I told him what was so funny. I mentioned writer, old lady, insurance salesman and now you.

"So who are you?" I asked.

"I manage the Little Brown Coffee shop across the street," he said. "Just getting away for a little break. I come here all the time."

"They let you do that?"

"I used to work here. I was trained here."

He then told me he was a professional barista.

"It's my life's work. I enter cappuccino making contests," he said. "Look." He held out his cellphone to me, pressed a few keys and then I saw on the screen a cup of cappuccino with a cinnamon swirl on the top in a magnificent artful design.

"Wow," I said.

"Could you plug this in for me? It's on your side." He was holding out the charger plug for his cellphone. I looked down to the baseboard. I plugged him in. I offered up my name. His was Marcus.

I then told him I was an amateur barista. I loved making cappuccinos, but the old fashioned way. I had two old machines, one in East Hampton and the other in Manhattan, both of which sputtered and hissed when you made the drink.

"Not like the new machines," I said, "where you put in a measured pod of coffee. I can do the whole ritual in exactly eight minutes."

"I love what I do," he said. "Let me show you something else." He unzipped his bag and out from it took a small stainless steel milk frothing pitcher. "I never go anywhere without this," he said.

I was amazed.

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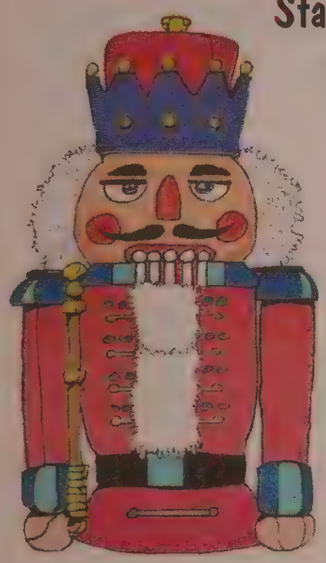
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Senator Susan Collins, who fought fiercely to keep the potato alive in school lunchrooms and succeeded, at a luncheon.

About a week later, the Irish Food Board (known as Bord Bia) commissioned a study to find what the reasons were for the decline in consumption of potatoes in that country. The number of potatoes consumed per capita has dropped by 25% since 2005 and this is a worrisome thing.

The board noted that Irish politicians have been dithering with the idea of putting a "fat tax" on certain foods to try to ward off the sort of obesity problem we have here in the United States, and processed potato products are on that list. The Board doesn't want that to happen and they didn't think eating potatoes causes obesity.

"We believe that emotionally, most Irish consumers still love to eat their potatoes," the announcement of the study reads. "But several key issues negatively impact their consumption."

Among them is the fact that the youth of Ireland consider the potato something from an earlier generation. They remember during those rough economic times in Ireland years ago that every night, no matter "the Troubles" or the depression or anything else, the housewives of that country presented piles of boiled meat, vegetables and potatoes on everybody's plates every night.

Also there was the great potato famine of the 1840s, when blight destroyed the potato crop for several years. It was hard to forget that a million people died in that famine and a million people emigrated to get away from it.

The announcement also conceded that preparing pasta and rice takes just 10 and 15 minutes respectively while preparing potatoes takes half an hour and includes peeling.

Finally, the Irish Food Board mentioned the popularity of the Atkins Diet in Ireland with its focus on protein rather than carbohydrate.

The potato has been mistakenly considered a fattening food, the announcement continued.

The New York Times, which reported on this announcement last week, spoke to a Dublin dietitian named Paula Mee.

"In terms of overall nutrition and including Vitamin C," she said, "the potato is head and shoulders ahead of pasta and rice."

She also talked about the fact that pasta and rice packaging is colorful and alluring. Potatoes come in a sack.

No mention was made of the bounce factor or the sodium factor or the comparison to Coca Cola and the fear of diabetes and heart disease. Nor was there any talk about the siren song of serving potatoes, the worst of which are frying, and the next to worst of which, when you consider baked potatoes, the fixin's, the salt, the sour cream, cheddar cheese bits, bacon or other fattening stuff that gives the potato flavor. The focus was on the potato, pure and simple.

Finally, there was the announcement, in July by McDonalds, that if you order a happy meal for your kid, you will no longer get a burger, a sleeve of fries and a coke, you will get a burger, a half a sleeve of fries, a coke, AND A SLICED APPLE.

I've been to McDonalds in Southampton several times this past month but haven't seen a menu sign about any apples. Maybe the word hasn't trickled down quite yet.

Encounters (continued from page 18)

"You ought to come by Little Brown's and I'll give you a lesson in cappuccino making so you can do these cinnamon designs," he said.

"When are you there?"

"I'm there tomorrow beginning at two."

So tomorrow I have a date with Marcus at Little Brown to learn a craft. He had also asked if I was married and said I should bring my wife too.

One last thing. As he got up to leave, his cellphone flew out of his hand and crashed to the floor. He had forgotten he was still plugged in. He grabbed and checked if it was okay. It was.

"You're very cool," I laughed.

At the M.O.M.A., we enjoyed the de Kooning show. I never did see the old lady though. But it's a big exhibit, on view until January 9, 2012.

As we were leaving about 7:30 p.m., the whole damn Obama motorcade came rumbling down East 53rd Street – flashing lights, officers on motorcycles, limousines.

"He's going to the Sheraton," the doorman said as he motioned us to the revolving door. "Another fundraiser."

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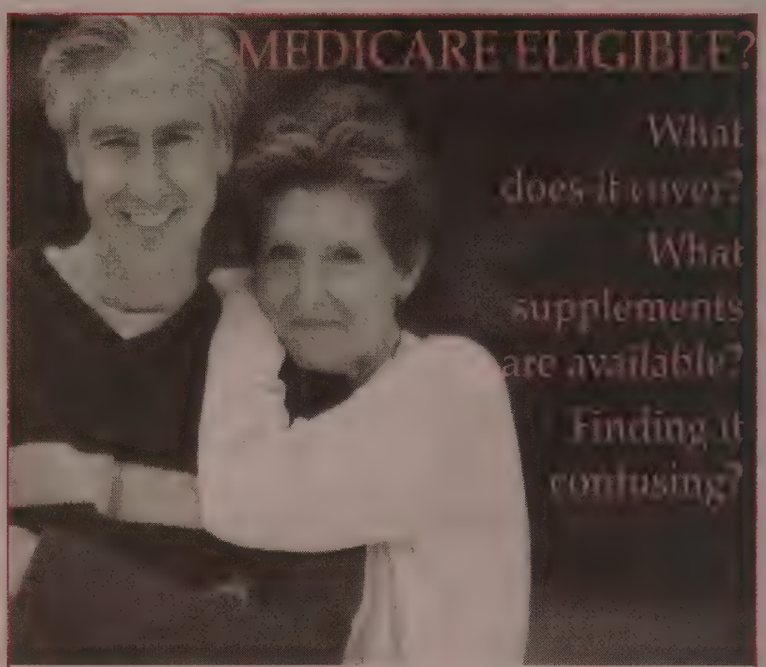

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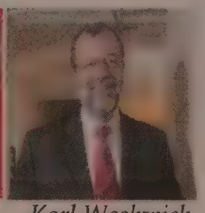

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A Delicious Winter Skating Rink Re-Opens

By David Lion Rattiner

In the summertime, the Buckskill Winter Club in East Hampton is the Buckskill Tennis Club, but on December 9, everything changes. The tennis courts are transformed into a regulation-sized skating rink, complete with local advertisements on a wooden fence that runs around the rink enclosing two hockey goals. Refrigeration units keep the rink frozen, even when the outside temperature isn't so low.

The Buckskill Winter Club is one of the great success stories in the Hamptons. It faced much adversity when it was first proposed by owner Douglas DeGroot in 2004, with many nearby residents complaining they didn't want to have to put up with the noise of children laughing and having a good time. A legal battle ensued, and it was almost embarrassing to this writer to watch the process unfold, ending in a gleeful victory for the Buckskill Winter Club and the subsequent opening of its doors to the public. It drew customers of a wide age range, from young teenagers playing ice hockey, to young girls learning figuring skating, to toddlers putting on ice-skates for the first time, to parents just trying to keep from falling down on the ice.

What had been the clubhouse of the tennis club now became transformed to one of the most charming scenes that the Hamptons has to offer in the wintertime—a warming hut.

Little kids wobble around on ice skates, while adults sip hot chocolate on three large couches by a fireplace. If it's a hockey hour, there will be some people putting on hockey pads while a skate sharpener buzzes in the background. We all know that during this time of year, it's tough to find some outdoor activities that are good old-fashioned family fun. Well, here is one. Some parents bring their little kids there three or four days a week because it is such a charming place to be.

These days, Buckskill is using the U.S. Figure Skating Association approved Basic Skills Program for its new and improved skating program. Each student enrolled will become a member of the U.S.F.S.A. and will receive membership patches and a record book to track individual progress. There are also adult and junior hockey teams now, all organized and run by the players, complete with team names, referees and healthy competition.

I've been to the Buckskill Winter Club many times. Every single time I am there, I am charmed by it. One of the best times to go is during a free skate, where anybody can go out on the ice and simply skate around the big circle. You can easily work up a sweat doing this, but you can also just take it easy and have a nice, albeit active, conversation. If you don't have your own ice skates you can rent them there and if you fall in love with the place, Buckskill offers a season pass that allows you to go skating whenever they are open.

The staff there includes Jessie Kellis, a figure skating director who used to skate competitively in figure skating. There is also Ashley Pulito who works there as a figure skating instructor and earned herself a U.S.F.S.A. Double Gold Medalist certification. Then there is Daniella Candela, who has nine years of competitive figure skating experience and Emma Dahl, a student at East Hampton High School who also works at Buckskill as a figure skating instructor.

None of this would have been possible if it wasn't for East Hampton resident Douglas DeGroot who pretty much single-handedly, in the face of great opposition, was able to make this a wonderful place for East Hampton.

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Manipulating CPF Funds, But Legally

By T.J. Clemente

When Southampton Supervisor Anna Throne-Holst was asked by *Dan's Papers* if Southampton was running out of land to buy with Community Preservation Funds she replied that the opposite was true, saying, "In the Town of Southampton we have identified at least 2,000 additional acres to be preserved. With that in mind, we are currently considering a $125 million bonding plan over the next four years."

One could guess the idea is to buy the land less expensively in this down market.

The Peconic Bay Regional Community Preservation Fund (CPF) was created in 1999 through the efforts of New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, State Senator Ken LaValle, and Kevin McDonald of the Group for the East End.

Since its inception, the Peconic Bay Regional Community Preservation Fund has generated over $750 million (as of October 2011) and has purchased over 10,000 acres. All proceeds come from a 2% tax of the purchase price of all real estate and building sales over $250,000 in East Hampton, Southampton and Shelter Island. The tax is 2% over the purchase of $150,000 for a home in Riverhead and Southold. Up to $100,000 and $75,000 for unimproved land is exempt from the real estate transfer fee in these two groups of towns respectively. The Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund is only for the five eastern towns Riverhead, Southampton, East Hampton, Shelter Island and Southold and the C.P.F. expires in 2030.

Based on recent activity, C.P.F. revenues are projected to be in the $55-$60 million range for 2011. Revenues for 2010 totaled $58.78 million.

Assemblyman Thiele stated, "CPF revenues are roughly the same as last year thus far. However, the softening in the national economy seems to also be impacting the C.P.F.. We have seen a decline in the rate of monthly revenues compared with earlier in 2011. CPF revenues averaged $5.25 million the first six months of the year, but only $4.15 for the last four months. Towns should closely monitor this trend.

Only Southampton Town has collected more money in 2011 than 2010." In last Thursday's East Hampton Town Board meeting, East Hampton's Director of Land Acquisitions Scott Wilson was actually proposing to increase the amount of money the Town of East Hampton can legally use from the fund for "administrating the properties," from just under $400,000 to over $1 million. To do this the town must get New York State Legislature approval. Part of the increase is to fund an endowment by the Town of East Hampton to administer the CPF lands after the CPF transfer tax expires in 2030.

Currently 10% of the C.P.F. money collected annually is used for administration. What is at stake is the administration and cost of maintaining the 10,000 plus acres of land already purchased, i.e. upkeep, roads, trails, fences and other structures.

Assemblyman Thiele released figures below for the CPF reflecting revenues for the first 10 months by Town for 2011 compared with 2010:

	2010	2011	% increase
East Hampton	15.01m	10.94m	-27.1%
Riverhead	1.99m	1.56m	-21.6%
Shelter Island	1.13m	0.71m	-37.2%
Southampton	27.27m	32.39m	+18.8%
Southold	2.90m	2.62m	-9.6 %

As the figures show, the real estate industry still has a way to go. As for the C.P.F. it will now need to be addressed on its end game in just 18 years. Albany will have to make some tough decisions on how to assist all the towns with maintaining all the acquired acres beyond 2030.

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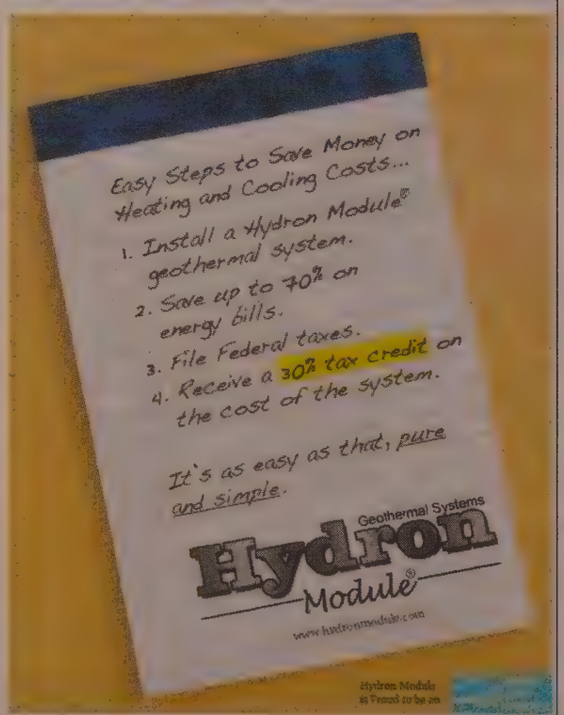
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TWENTY SOMETHING

by David Lion Rattiner

Car Crashes and Confucius

Don't try this at home!

I'd be lying if I didn't say I laughed out loud about the news last week that eight Ferraris and a Lamborghini crashed in Japan causing more than $1 million in vehicle damage. The accident happened on a rain-soaked highway in Japan known as the Chugoku Expressway and was caused by a 60-year-old driver who was behind the wheel of a Ferrari F-360 after he switched lanes too quickly, causing his car to go into a skid. There were no injuries from the accident, but nearly every single Ferrari in the group was banged up. The accident is considered to be the most expensive in history.

One of the police officers who spoke to the press after the accident said that this was, "a gathering of the narcissists," and stated that the guys were all on their way to an automobile festival.

I'm sorry, but this is just the funniest damn thing I've ever heard of. It wouldn't be funny if somebody got injured, but nobody was, so there you have it.

I would think that the guy who caused this accident is thinking of himself as a pretty big idiot right now. The entire world has become aware of his poor driving. This wasn't an accident that couldn't have been avoided. It was very much avoidable. This was, quite simply, HORRIFIC driving.

I can just imagine a 60-year-old Japanese guy sitting down on his couch inside of his mansion, drinking a strong sake and watching his cellphone fill up with missed calls and text messages that say things like, "Don't get too down buddy, you can always go to the place where everybody knows your name, TRAFFIC COURT."

"Giving you two middle fingers wouldn't do you justice my friend, so here's a picture of THREE MIDDLE FINGERS!"

"Hey man, I haven't heard from you in a while. I hope you are doing well. By the way, you're an idiot."

"So I heard you hit the barrier then skidded out, causing a total of 14 cars to crash, including 8 Ferraris. My friend…you win."

"So I heard you are in the market for a Prius."

"So I heard you are in the market for a Toyota."

"So I heard you crashed your Ferrari and your friends' Ferraris, and a Lamborghini, and a few Mercedes Benzes."

"So I heard that you are no longer much of a fan of the movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

"So I heard that you are thinking about changing your name to Dumb Ass."

"So I heard that you kind of suck at driving."

"Hey pal. Sorry to hear the news that you crashed your Ferrari. I heard about it this morning on the news in Antarctica."

I almost feel like a new swear word should be created in honor of this car accident and for this driver who caused it. The name of the man who has been suspected of causing the accident has so far been withheld from the media, I think that his name should become a new curse word that is used exclusively for incidences while driving, because the truth is that none of us really ever learn how to curse until we learn how to drive.

As Confucius says, "Man who drives like hell bound to get there."

Cricket (continued from page 17)

Shuttle Program, *Spiderman* on Broadway, High Def and 3D on TV and the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

I'm not saying this is all good stuff. But it's stuff. And the men who died in 2005 weren't here to enjoy it. They even miss six more years of their grandchildren growing up. This is quite an injustice, if you ask me.

And yes, I am aware that 80% of the people killed by lightning are men. Dumb we are, determined to go out in a lightning storm. Dumber still, driving. Even so dumb we don't complain about living six years less. Something's got to be done about this.

Who's Here

Tom Nagorski

ABC News Editor and Author

By Joan Baum

Often "less is more," says Tom Nagorski, a resident of East Quogue and, since May 2010, Foreign Managing Editor for International Coverage at ABC News. He was referring to what reporters say on air. Networks tend to show similar images, but he believes that what his correspondents do with the "gift of words" often distinguishes ABC's international news coverage. Though ABC audiences are generally down from a few years ago, they're still sizable. "Nightline," for instance, draws more viewers than the nightly comedy shows, and ABC, already ahead of CBS, is closing in on NBC in the audience for morning and nightly news. Attention to what's said in addition to what's shown on television comes naturally to Nagorski, whose 2006 nonfiction book, *Miracles on the Water: The Heroic Survivors of a World War II U-Boat Attack*, demonstrates his own judicious prose style, as he tells the harrowing story of an incredible rescue with compelling drama and sensitive restraint, wearing his research and interviewing skills with confidence and ease.

It might be said that nature as well as nurture determined Nagorski's international journalistic direction. He grew up in Peter Cooper Village, in Lower Manhattan, a house away from Bohdan Nagorski, his great uncle, who was one of the survivors of Lifeboat No. 12 featured in *Miracles on the Water*. Bohdan, who was a civil engineer and had been Polish director of the Port of the Free City of Danzing, later worked for the United Nations building ports and harbors, including Aqaba in Jordan. Tom Nagorski spent summers with Bohdan's children, Barbara and Chris, in Hampton Bays (at Ponquogue Beach), not far from where he now spends summers with his own children. Barbara's son, Adam Wierzbianski, a scriptwriter, was a close friend; Barbara's husband was editor of a Polish-language newspaper based in New York.

A graduate of Trinity School on the Upper West Side, Nagorski, 49, went to Princeton as an English major, focusing on creative writing. He was always "passionate about the rest of the world," he says, no doubt because his "parents were European (Mom from Oslo, Dad from Warsaw)" and because his father's job in sales for Swissair allowed for inexpensive, sometimes free, travel to Europe. As for journalism, he always "liked to hear stories, read stories and try my hand at telling them." His older cousin, Andy, became a foreign correspondent at *Newsweek* and Tom often thought that would be "an interesting path to follow." He interned for the investigative unit of ABC's "20/20" the summer before his senior year of college and made contacts that served him well, being hired by ABC even before he was graduated.

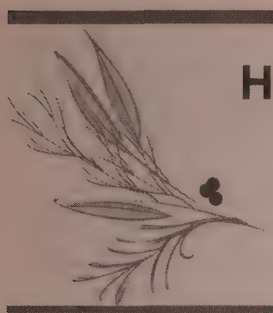
It was winning a coveted Henry Luce Foundation Journalism Fellowship, however, when he was in his late twenties, that seems to have made a major difference in setting the course of Nagorski's career as a foreign correspondent. Not keen on working in TV, he became an "on-loan reporter" for an English-language Thai newspaper, *The [Bangkok] Nation* , a wonderful opportunity that opened him up to training as a daily reporter, and in a unique culture, and, as it turned out, at a unique moment in the country's history – the 1988-89 bloody national public uprisings. He modestly says that the newspaper got a dedicated staff member.

An understated professionalism also informs Nagorski's workplace. A multiple award-winning reporter, editor and producer for close to 30 years (he assigned and edited stories for "World News Tonight" with Peter Jennings, and later, also, with Charles Gibson and Diane Sawyer), he now manages ABC correspondents, producers, stringers and technical teams around the globe. His office, however, is a small room without self-advertisement, a main wall decoration being a map of South Africa. His East End home is far from the madding crowd, a kind of "anti-Hamptons" retreat near the water, which he loves. He describes his new position simply as "a management job."

Of earlier senior positions, he notes that as producer and radio correspondent for ABC News in Moscow, Warsaw and Berlin, he had been "tethered" to a particular part of the world (he is fluent in French and Russian, and conversant in Polish, German and Thai). Now, the world is his beat.

Nagorski could not have assumed the Foreign Editor position at a headier time. He's still surprised, he says, at how much news has been exploding in just the last few months—the Arab Spring (Parts A, B, C . . .), Afghanistan, Pakistan, the tsunami, earthquake, then nuclear melt down in Japan, the killing of Bin Laden—"gigantic history-making events that tested news organization in ways they had not been tested since 9 /11." He occasionally slept in the office and felt like "a marathon runner who thought the finish line was near, only to find out he had to keep going. " He recalls how on the first of May on the tarmac at John F. Kennedy Airport, waiting to take off for Afghanistan and Pakistan, he got word that the capture of Bin Laden might be imminent and for the first time in his life, asked to be taken off the plane. It was a "mind-boggling" time, a "volcanic avalanche" of stories of international significance tumbling out at an incredible pace, arguably more challenging than 1989 and the fall of the Soviet Union, which tended to be peaceful and celebratory. He wonders how ABC will put together its usual end-of-the-year-special, given how much news 2011 has brought. But, of course, he knows they'll do it, even as they ready for more sudden turns.

Although he has total oversight on all business and editorial matters regarding foreign news, Nagorski regards much of his job as advocating for more international coverage, especially when the stories aren't quite so earth-shattering because he's "passionate about it—and always think it deserves more time and attention." He's aware, of course, that because TV programs have space limits, a good background story or general essay on a timely subject might not make it on air, whereas bloggers face no such constraints. Incidentally, he does not subscribe to the view that online news junkies have shorter attention spans and less interest in substance than broadcast watchers. In the old days, the board might light up after a particular event. Now, however, bloggers seem to move at the speed of light, all the time. Managing Editor Nagorski also has to ensure that assignments are made to places that may not yet be well known, as was the case with Kabul and Islamabad, not too long ago. No doubt he will handle these challenges in ways that will win the network even more Emmys, though one suspects that this most accomplished and modest man will likely forego award pictures and trophies for more maps.



HAMPTONS EPICURE

Stacy Dermont

Why I went on a turkey hunt the week after Thanksgiving.

Our family takes turns hosting Thanksgiving and it was our turn. But because my in-laws were about to sell their condo in Rochester, we were invited up there for Thanksgiving dinner and the spoils that come when parents downsize. I scored some primo sweaters, scarves, baskets and a nice, wooly wing-backed chair. All good. 'Can't complain, my mother-in-law has great taste and style but she served CHICKEN for Thanksgiving dinner.

The birds were delicious and there was plenty of food to go around—but chicken ain't "Thanksgiving," so I "had to" cook a bird of our own when we got home days later.

Husband, being a reasonable man (how did I snag one of those?!), suggested we have people over to share a big dinner of turkey, so I set that up. Now all we needed was a turkey. Oh, but, we needed a sizeable, thawed bird for Sunday dinner and it was 7a.m. on Friday. Dear Husband said something like "All you, crazy lady." So I hatched a plan: I'd drive to King Kullen in Bridgehampton for a fresh bird/ stick it in the fridge at home/drive back to work in Bridgehampton. Simple enough. Is King Kullen open? Do they have fresh turkeys? He called. Yes!

All was normal until after I parked my car in the small lot North of King Kullen. When I was about to cross the drive to the store, I saw out of the corner of my eye what looked liked a small flock of TURKEYS crossing the same drive, but way down, in front of Panera. A car was stopped there to let the crossing figures pass. I thought, "No way is that turkeys, I must be crazy—that one in the crosswalk must be a little kid in a puffy coat." I kept watching after the car had passed, the figures were now walking down the walkway toward me. Turkeys.

I turned back to my car to grab my camera, oops, I had dashed out for turkey at 7 a.m. without my camera—what was I thinking? I ran to the service desk in King Kullen and asked for a disposable camera. The lady behind the counter assured me that they don't sell those anymore and suggested I try the pharmacy on the other side of the plaza. I tried to reset myself for normalcy—I gave up my photo quest and went to the meat department.

I couldn't find any fresh turkeys inside King Kullen—I asked a meat department worker for one. Turns out they keep "fresh turkeys" in the back. Who knew? No, he didn't lead one out, he handed me a prepared bird in a plastic wrapper. I thanked him and said, "There's a flock of turkeys in the parking lot, but I didn't want to work that hard."

He said, "Really?!"

When I got back outside and was dumping my poultry purchase in the trunk, there were two turkeys just across the way, in front of Staples. Both toms. One was a sort of washed-out looking version of a Narragansett. Mottled brown and beige feathers, not very colorful but quite beautiful.

The other was—freakishly—a huge, all-white Broadbreasted White, a factory breed, complete with a chest he could barely support and wing tip feathers that almost dragged along the ground. What the hell was he doing out? He apparently had a similar thought about me as he hissed nastily in my direction. The mottled one gobbled quietly.

A representative of our species was walking toward them from the other direction, with a cup in her hands, saying, "Ooh, bread crumbs...."

I got the hell outta that domestic scene. Some geese taught me at a tender age to stay away from birds.

After I pulled away from the plaza without any further wildlife sightings, I thought maybe things could return to normal. I was zipping along Scuttlehole Road and had made it to that potato barn just past Channing Daughters Winery when four wild turkeys darted in front of my car. I slowed down and they had no trouble getting safely across. When I glanced back at them I noticed that all four were looking straight at me as they ran, I could see the laughter in their little beaky faces as they looked at me over their slumpy, feathered shoulders. They were mocking me!

Well, I did have their cousin's body in the trunk...

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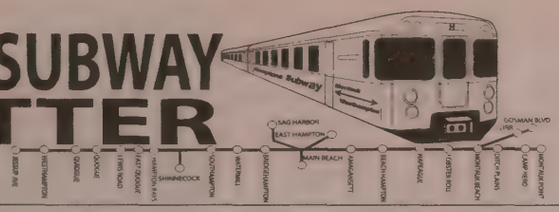

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Gwyneth Paltrow was reportedly seen on the subway headed for Southampton from Water Mill on Wednesday. We have no reports from East Hampton or Montauk this week because our train spotter, who like the six others we employ rides the rails all day long looking to spot celebrities, was out sick with bronchitis.

APOLOGIES FOR SUBWAY DELAYS THURSDAY

The two-hour delay at our Hampton Bays stop last Thursday during the morning rush was caused by Christmas decorations attached to the lead car of train 6 not being glued on properly. The wreaths and Xmas lights were attached to the lead car of train 6 in our Montauk yards at 7 a.m. by our service crew that morning, and fared just fine until the train hit a bump just as it was coming into the Hampton Bays station, an occurrence that caused practically all the decorations on the lead car to come loose and fall to the tracks sending the lead car and the one behind it off the rails to slide to a halt. A clean-up crew was dispatched to attend to the Christmas decoration mess so following cars would not get derailed by other decorations caught in their undersides. The train was backed back onto the rails and inspectors were sent to look at where riders and the motorman said the bump occurred, but they found nothing. It is theorized a raccoon or something with a strong constitution got hit but then was able to hobble off after the accident into one of the underground hallways. P.E.T.A. has been notified, as per procedures.

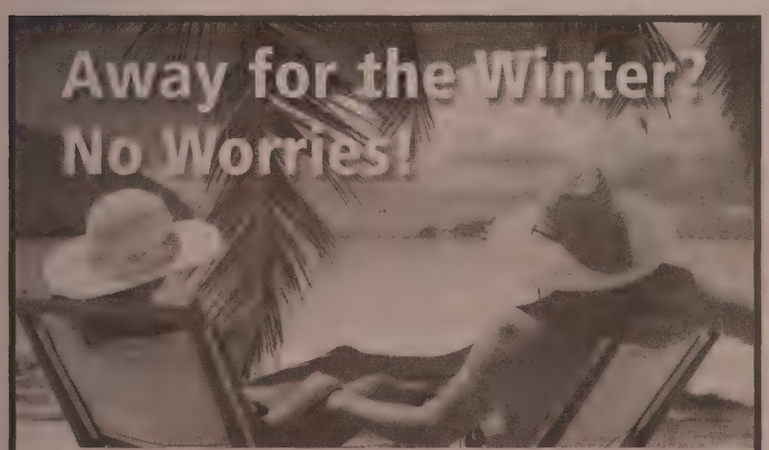
ROCK BAND PROBLEMS

Last Monday afternoon, subway riders reported hearing music emanating from the subway tunnels between Amagansett and East Hampton and between Bridgehampton and Sag Harbor. When these reports continued on Tuesday morning, a crew was sent down there to investigate. What they found was two rock bands rehearsing in two different warehouse rooms adjacent to the tunnels, one performing heavy metal music and the other hip hop. (It is not clear which was which.) Flashing strobe lights and smoke machines were in evidence. The police were called and a total of nine musicians were arrested and taken respectively to the East Hampton and Southampton lockups. The rock concert paraphernalia was also seized.

These warehouse rooms were built in 1932, at the time the subway system was created , and are both unheated and windowless and not healthy for even rock bands, however musicians managed to lug their instruments out to them. Apparently they must have walked down the tracks to these places during the time the subway system is closed in the middle of the night. This is a very unsafe business. More musical sounds were heard by patrons between Quogue and Quiogue on Saturday morning.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to report that this morning, Madonna, the famous singer and actress who has a house in Bridgehampton, contacted me to see if it would be possible for her to make a music video in one of the underground warehouses that sit alongside the subway tunnels. Apparently she had learned of the local rock bands performing in them. She has in mind a particular one between Amagansett and Napeague where last week 17 antique subway cars, all built in the 1920s according to the name plates on them, were discovered stored on rails. Certainly it would make a great backdrop for what she has in mind. We are very excited about this prospect and I hope, after presenting this request to my board of directors, to respond to her with an enthusiastic "yes." What a feather in our cap.



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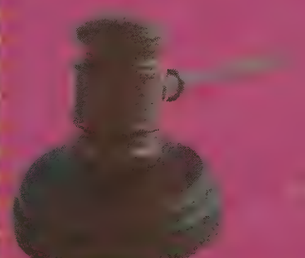

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THE SHELTERED ISLANDER

by Sally Flynn

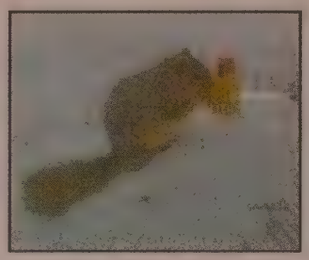
All creatures great and small...

My mother is obsessing that Christmas has come too soon and there's not enough money to get all the gifts and decorations she wants for the holiday. I'm trying to remind her, we never remember the gifts, we only remember the company; drinking eggnog, listening to the Bing Crosby records, and admiring our tree. We're all flush or broke at Christmas time. We all want the Christmases we remember as children. It was all magical then. It's the encroachment of age that steals it from us. But then we find the magic again through the children. You're always as happy as you decide to be.

I had a really great Christmas several years ago. I was renting a house on Worthy Way that winter. It had a sliding glass door and the woods began just a few feet from the deck. I love birds and I always threw out generous handfuls of seed on the deck. I must have hit upon a Cardinal haven, because I never saw so many Cardinals. I counted 13 pairs and four single males. I spent so much time watching them, I got so I could distinguish several individuals. They were surprisingly aggressive and if I didn't have that seed out by 7:30 a.m., they started pecking at the glass door. I put out suet balls and lots of treats and they'd hang around on the railings of the deck talking to each other. They were so beautiful hopping around an occasional carpet of fresh snow. It made my Christmas and all it cost me was birdseed.

My most favorite Christmas was when I was six. We were living with my grandparents in Sayville at the time. I was the only grandchild, except for my little three-year-old brother, followed rapidly by three more brothers and 12 first cousins. But I was there first, green-eyed, reddish haired and insufferably cute.

My grandfather was a carpenter in the winter and clammer in the summer. He had a true love of animals. He found an injured three-legged squirrel and nursed him back to health in his cellar. He named him Petey and built him a sort of squirrel condo in the huge maple tree in the backyard. My grandfather built a bench all around the tree. He built Petey a tiny ladder. He made wooden toys for us, so he really knew how to build ladders for disabled squirrels. The rungs were tiny dowels perfectly fitted into slats and all varnished. It went from the bench to the first giant limb, about five feet up. I wasn't allowed to touch the ladder or try to pet Petey. My grandfather painted red lines on either side of the ladder - that I was to stay behind. However, I was allowed to put saltines with peanut butter in the forbidden zones and watch Petey climb down and eat.



He was missing a back leg, so he sat funny. I thought he was just wonderful.

I didn't see Petey in the winter, because cold made him sleepy, however, my grandfather assured me he wouldn't miss Christmas. Taking him to Mass with us in my grandmother's purse on Christmas seemed to be out of the question, but I could make him a little tree and leave him some treats. I made a very extravagant noodle tree, painted gold and full of red glitter. It was a true work of art. My grandfather tacked it up high on the limb so Petey could see it from his nest. I left him a little plate of peanut butter cookies and some stuffed dates.

My grandparents assured me that, thanks to me, Petey was going to have a wonderful Christmas. It's not like every squirrel on Long Island could see a genuine golden noodle tree from his nest. And so few squirrels got cookies and stuffed dates delivered to the door at that time. It's not like today when they could just order from the Internet.

That Christmas I got a card from Petey. It came in the mail, so it was official. He thanked me for the tree and all the treats. Furthermore, he planned to come out on St. Patrick's Day, if there wasn't any snow. I looked at that card for a long time. Finally, I asked my grandfather how Petey could have written that card. Nobody was going to fool me, I was sure Petey didn't know any letters. My grandfather explained that Petey knew all his letters; he just had to ask my grandfather to make him a very small pencil...

EVERYTHING OVER A MILLION

Sales Reported as of 12/2/2011

AMAGANSETT

Frederic Lee Adler to Lynn-Marie & Nicholas Biase, 81 Hampton Lane **1,400,000**

BRIDGEHAMPTON

Jennifer & Michael Brown to Elizabeth & Neil Cole, 29 West Pond Drive **8,035,000**
BH Industrial Park LP to Sag Harbor Storage Corp, 9 Tradesman Path **1,622,983**
HSSR III LLC to Karaz LLC, 144 Meadowlark Lane **11,995,000**

EAST HAMPTON

Darci & Joseph DeMatteo to Jill & Robert Bodian, 9 Old Orchard Lane **2,000,000**
Diane & Jon York to Anthony Ziccardi, 147 Three Mile Harbor Road **1,381,000**
Jaclyn & Stephen Zimmerman to 32 OHL LLC, 32 Oak Hill Lane **1,300,000**

MONTAUK

Matina & Renee Chimpoulkchis to Graceland III LLC, 470 West Lake Drive **3,300,000**
Douglas Choron to Luke Weil, 355 Old Montauk Highway **1,782,500**
Montauk Homes LLC to Diane & Tod Schild, 104 Bryan Road **1,250,000**

QUOGUE

A Cristine & William Isaac to 91 Dune Road LLC, 91 Dune Road **3,881,704**
William M Isaac to 93 Dune Road LLC, 93 Dune Road **2,911,285**

SAG HARBOR

Harold Giles Knight to 17 Madison Restoration LLC, 17 Madison Street **1,570,000**
Matthew Bernstein to Brian A Johnson, 12 Latham Street **1,500,000**

SAGAPONACK

M Candice & Peter Wexler to 320 Parsonage Lane LLC, 320 Parsonage Lane **13,000,000**
Richard Khaleel to Simon Gluck, 113 Farm Court **3,400,000**
Johnides 1 LLC to Andrew & Colleen Saunders, 125 Greenleaf Lane **1,000,000**

SHELTER ISLAND

Estate of Stanley Lenox to Sandra Kamen, 17D South Cartwright Road **1,225,000**

SOUTHAMPTON

Christine Harden to Joumana Rizk, 17 Aqua Drive **2,400,000**
Estate of Isabelle Trimmer to 110 Post Lane LLC, 110 Post Lane **2,300,000**
Alexandra & Christopher Vulliez to Lawrence Lusko, 108 Middle Line Hwy **1,875,000**
Jason & Jill Pflaum to Vanessa Forcina, 421 Edge of Woods Road **1,100,000**

SOUTHOLD

John & Patrice Keltt to Joseph & Laura Mazza, 280 Baisin Road **2,557,500**

WAINSCOTT

Blanche Greenstein to Dianne Wallace, 54 Beach Lane **8,250,000**

WATER MILL

Michael & Michelle Najjar to Robert A Panariello, 10 Wood Edge Court **2,125,000**

WESTHAMPTON BEACH

Marie & William O'Brien to BBDB Real Estate LLC, 211 Dune Road **5,800,000**

★★★★★ Sales Of Not Quite A Million During This Period ★★★★★

AMAGANSETT

Fredrick Betz to Dominick M Stanzione, 19 Leeton Road **750,000**

BRIDGEHAMPTON

Miriam Hedges to Christine Harden, 7 Halsey Street **650,000**

EAST HAMPTON

Celeste Gainey to Arlene M Notel, 10 Gann Road, **620,000**
Estate of Jay Malcolm Press to Edward Richards, *69* Oyster Shores Rd, **580,000**
Heather & Samuel Levine to 36 McGuirk St LLC, 36 McGuirk St, **875,000**
Loida Nicolas Lewis to Christina S Lewis, 167 Lily Pond Lane, **565,436**

EAST QUOGUE

David T Herman to Jessie Miller-Herschell, 129 Malloy Drive, **800,000**

HAMPTON BAYS

Louis R Malaer to Vittoria Robert, 2 High Road, **725,000**
Derrick Chen to Ravi I Sharma, 3 Indian Road, **520,000**

HAMPTON BAYS

Andrew Garson to Glenn Vanbramer, 10 Glenmore Drive, **500,000**

MONTAUK

David & Strettle Whitting to Catherine & Paul Farrell, 72 Davis Drive, **775,000**
Dorothy Plotkin to Kara & Peter Welling, 45 Monroe Drive, **745,000**

NOYACK

James J Rizzi to Jeffrey Bernstein, 2390 Noyac Road, **550,000**

SHELTER ISLAND

Christopher G Marshall to Philip Rabito, 12 Dickerson Drive, **581,000**

SOUTHAMPTON

Ralph Wachtel to Shayan Norasteh, 135 Middle Pond Road, **670,000**
Robert & Teena Helbing to Jordan & Tara Samelson, 17 Fern Road **650,000**
James M O'Shea (Referee) to BK at North Sea LLC, SH Hills Ct. **638,144**

SOUTHOLD

Philip B Stanton to David & Katrine Wolfgang, 302 Town Creek Ln **934,500**

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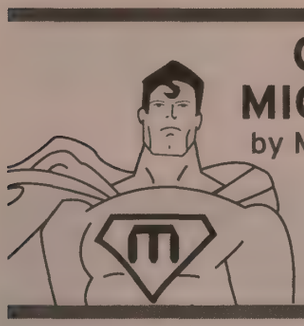

CAPTAIN MICROCHIP

by Matthew Apfel

3D Or Not 3D: That Is The Question

In my previous two columns, I reviewed great holiday tech gifts in the low and medium price ranges. Now it's time to turn up the volume and discuss a big-ticket item that truly embodies American holiday excess: a new TV. There's just something glorious and comforting about watching 12 hours of meaningless football games on your new set, interspersed with the "Yule Log" and *It's A Wonderful Life* reruns, of course.

So, for the third and final installment of my epic holiday gift trilogy, I present you with the mother of all product reviews: the 3D TV.

Let's start with a few basic ground rules.

First, 3D technology has arrived. Blu-Rays, live sports, and an increasing roster of shows are now delivered in 3D. Networks are building 3D channels. It's moving fast. So if you were on the fence, now is the time to get serious and start shopping.

Second, it's not about the TV. I'm serious. It really comes down to the type of viewing glasses that come with the set. There are two kinds of glasses: active and passive. Passive glasses are cheaper and slightly more comfortable to wear. But active glasses deliver a much better viewing experience—so scary that it's scary. And they're easier on the eyes, requiring far less adjustment.

Third, you're going to overpay. As with all high-end technology, you must accept that TV prices will decline dramatically over time. True story: when I began researching this article a few weeks ago, the top model was priced around $2,400 at most retail outlets. Today you can find it for as low as $1,300 on the Web. I say this not to discourage you from buying, but simply to give you all factors to consider.

Fourth, don't cut corners. Normally I would provide two or three different options to consider. But since 3D is cutting-edge technology, you're better off going for the most advanced TV you can afford. Why invest in a cheaper model that already uses outdated tech?

Those are the rules, now let's find a set.

The Choice: Panasonic VIERA TC-P55VT30 ($1,600 at Amazon.com)

This is simply the best-reviewed 3D TV on the market today. And for good reason. My friend Tyler saw one in a store, put the glasses on his 4-year-old son, and the poor boy literally ran away because he thought "Dora The Explorer" was jumping out of the TV to chase him.

Okay, I made that last part up. But the picture is pretty good.

There are many other things to love about the Panasonic. It comes with active eyeglasses. It also has multiple outputs—component and HDMI—which is important if you have older audio equipment that might not be HDMI-compatible.

But what's really incredible about this TV is that it can retroactively transform 2D images from older shows into a 3D viewing experience. Obviously, the 3D picture is better for content and channels that are intended for 3D. But with the Panasonic VIERA, you can pretty much slap a 3D experience onto every program you watch. Pure magic.

The Panasonic comes in 55-inch and 65-inch models. The only drawback (other than price) is that it comes with only one set of viewing glasses. You'll need to invest in a few additional pairs. A TV this awesome was meant to be watched in groups.

Enjoy the holidays!

Lighthouse (continued from page 16)

by George Washington as the first designated lighthouse in New York State, the structure served a significant role in American history between 1797 and 1870, as it helped to aid in the growth and economic development of New York Harbor, and, as a result, the rest of the country.

"Among extant seacoast lighthouses, the Montauk Point Lighthouse was the most important for the nation's foreign trade during the first eight decades of the United States lighthouse service," states the application. "This was altogether the most important landfall light for the ships bound for New York from Europe during the period when New York's importing of European manufactured goods was the major part of America's foreign trade."

The December 1 recommendation now goes to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar for approval, which could come in a matter of weeks. United States Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand said she will urge Secretary Salazar to approve the request.

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"A Golden Christmas" (90 Min) Presented in Theatre 2
Entrance: A donation of a Canned or Dry Good to benefit the Westhampton Food Pantry is appreciated.

"Old-Fashioned" Christmas at WHB Historical Society 11am-3pm

Holiday Open House at the Tuthill Museum featuring turn of the century decorations & holiday displays **101 Mill Road**
Come enjoy Hot Apple Cider & Holiday Treats and learn about the village history at the same time!

Holiday Winterfest Activities in Westhampton Beach 11am-3pm

Photos with Santa Claus at Bays Carpet – Storytime with Mrs. Claus at the Westhampton Free Library
Strolling Carolers – Olde-fashioned Belgian Horse Carriage Rides on Main Street in the Village – Raffles
Children's Arts & Craft Stations — Holiday Wreaths For Sale – Adult Refreshment Stations and much more...
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Annual Christmastime on Main Street Holiday Festivities 1pm-4pm

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WEHM 92.9FM & 96.9FM Radio will be Broadcasting Live on Main Street from their Holiday Prize Van **1-3PM**
Ring the church bells at **Westhampton Presbyterian Church** on Meeting House Road in Quiogue **3-4PM**

For More Information on the Holiday Winterfest in Westhampton Beach on Saturday, December 10th
Call: 631.288.3337 or visit: www.WesthamptonChamber.com

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HERE COMES SANTA...RIGHT DOWN SANTA CLAUS LANE

Santa greeted children and adults at the Palm/Huntting Inn after the The East Hampton Chamber of Commerce Santa Parade on Main Street in the Village of East Hampton.

1. Dan Rattiner
2. Jen, Aurora & Josh Brussell
3. Dianne & Ayla Jordan
4. Steven & Clare Dorn
5. Santa & Lauren Rosario

GALLERY TALK AT GUILD HALL

Drew Shiflett, winner of the 71st Annual Guild Hall Artist Members Exhibition held a gallery talk at The Guild Hall Museum, East Hampton. The Constructed Drawings are on view until Jan 16, 2012.

Drew Shiflett, Christina Mossaides Strassfield

DRAMA DESK PANEL "ANATOMY OF A BREAKOUT"

The Drama Desk hosted a panel discussion about the remarkable breakthrough productions and performances taking place on the New York stage this season at Fordham's Lincoln Center.

1. Kenny Leon, Leslie (Hoban) Blake (VP Drama Desk), Samuel Jackson, Randy Gener
2. Nanette Shaw, Isa Goldberg (President, Drama Desk)
3. Leigh Silverman, Jenifer Lim, David Henry Hwang

COLLABORATING FOR A CURE BENEFIT

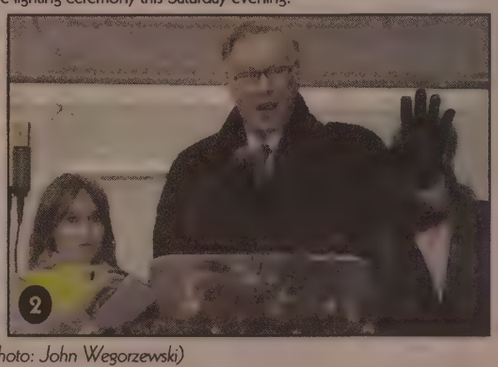
Photos: Paul Bruinooge/Patrick McMullan Co.

The 14th Annual Collaborating for a Cure dinner and auction to benefit the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF), was held at the NYC landmark Park Avenue Armory.

1. Michael Nierenberg (Host) Dr. Samuel Waxman, Elin Nierenberg (Host) 2. Courtney Booth

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING IN SOUTHAMPTON

Following a colorful parade, WNBC-TV news anchor Chuck Scarborough longtime resident of Southampton along with Southampton Village Mayor Mark Epley were on hand to light the magnificent Christmas tree at Agawam Park. Scarborough's little helper James Kearney flipped the switch that lit the tree. Over 1,000 folks turned out for the annual tree lighting ceremony this Saturday evening.



1. Southampton Mayor Mark Epley *(Photo: John Wegorzewski)*
2. James Kearney and Chuck Scarbourogh *(Photo: RM Oliviero)*

NORTH FORK

Racoons Love My Wine Grapes

By Tree Dilworth

Raccoons and wine would seem, at first blush, as compatible as fish and bicycles. However, there is a connection. Raccoons actually love wine grapes, and even like to drink wine!

Hurricane Irene in late August didn't do a great deal of damage in our vineyard, other than to break three vineyard posts, topple over dozens more posts at a 45° or even lower angle, uproot a willow tree and leave our residence without power and water for seven days. The ripening grapes and leaves were largely unaffected, snugly enwrapped by the bird netting, which had fortuitously been installed just a couple of weeks before the hurricane.

Irene did, however, cause breaches in the fencing surrounding the vineyard, letting deer, raccoons and woodchucks in undeterred. The day after Irene, my husband and the vineyard worker were distracted from their normal vineyard work by having to clear four trees that had fallen down on our private road, so we lost at least 30% of this year's Cabernet Sauvignon crop to the predators.

Last year, 50% of our 2010 Sauvignon Blanc harvest was decimated by raccoons, and some of our Merlot. We trapped numerous raccoons "blue-handed," their paws literally stained blue from grabbing grapes through the bird nets.

Well, it could be worse, they could be "Nazi Raccoons." In 2005, *Decanter* magazine and other publications reported that thousands of marauding "Nazi Raccoons," descendants of those imported in 1934 by Nazi air force chief Hermann Goering to "enrich" the natural German fauna, wiped out a large portion of the grape harvest in central Germany. With no natural predators, the raccoon population in Germany exploded to an estimated 1.5 million.

Said one article in *Vinography: a wine blog*, "These are troubled times for wine growers around the world. If it's not too hot, it's too cold. If it's not too rainy, it's the biggest drought on record for centuries. Maybe there's somewhere that grape growing is always idyllic with no problems (Thailand? oops, no, they have tsunamis), but I haven't heard of it. Some of the most severe and vexing problems facing modern winemakers are the ones that seem to come from out of left field (no pun intended). In the American West it's the glassy winged sharpshooter which rears its ugly minuscule head every once in a while; in South Africa it's massive flocks of starlings that eat a lot of the grapes; in Italy it's biblical plagues of locusts devouring fruit. And now, the perfect villain. A black mask, a swastika in its past, and a penchant for ripe Riesling. The Nazi Raccoon."

Well, we're lucky it's raccoons and not baboons – a problem for grape growers in South Africa. "Baboons go ape over South Africa's wine crop," said one recent headline on msnbc.com. "Marauding primates gobble up succulent grapes ready for harvest." According to the article, the baboons are choosy. They only take the ripest bunches, dropping sour bunches on the ground. They prefer Pinot Noir grapes, which sell for a higher price, to Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Though often used, electric fencing is largely ineffective, as baboons are able to dig or climb their way into the vineyards. The South Africans also try scaring off the baboons with "vuvuzelas," traditional noisemakers internationally popularized when the country hosted the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Placing rubber snakes in the vineyard canopy apparently helps.

However, a more high-tech solution could be on the way. The Baboon Research Unit in Cape Town is working to potentially outfit members of baboon troops with a collar and sensor. The collar is able to alert someone, via text message, if the baboon passes a particular point close to the vineyard.

Maybe that's an approach that can work for the herds of deer on the East End.

Theresa (Tree) Dilworth, a resident of Manhattan and Mattituck, is an international tax lawyer, winemaker and restaurateur. She is the owner of Comtesse Thérèse vineyard and Comtesse Thérèse Bistro, both in Aquebogue.

North Fork Events

For more events happening this week, check out:

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Contact organizations, as some require ticket purchase or advanced registration.

UPCOMING

WINTER STRING SERIES – 12/10, 1-4 p.m., Sparkling Pointe Tasting House, 39750 County Rd. 48, Southold, 631-765-0200. The vineyard and tasting house will present its first "Winter String Series," Enjoy the music of local artists

LENZ HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – 12/10, 5-7 p.m. 38355 Main Rd., Peconic. 631-734-6010, www.lenzwine.com.

THURSDAY, 8

DOWNTOWN RIVERHEAD HOLIDAY WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST – vote through 12/22 at the East End Arts Council, 133 East Main St., Riverhead. Tue. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sun. noon-4p.m. www.eastendarts.org.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW – 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. Peconic River, Riverhead. Food and music. Free.

OPEN MIC NIGHT – 6-9 p.m., Peconic Bay Winery, 31320 Main Rd., Cutchogue. www.peconicbaywinery.com. 631-734-7361. Free.

FRIDAY, 9

FIRESIDE FRIDAYS – 4-7 p.m., Live music, specials. Sherwood House Vineyards, 1291 Main Rd. Jamesport. www.sherwoodhousevineyard.com, 631-779-2817.

EAST END ARTS COUNCIL HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET - through 12/23, Tuesdays through Fridays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays noon – 4p.m. 133 East Main St., Riverhead. 631-727-0900, www.eastendarts.org.

LIVE MUSIC – 5:30-8:30 p.m., live music, Peconic Bay Winery, 31320 Main Rd, Cutchogue. www.peconicbaywinery.com, 631-734-7361. Free.

RIVERHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER – 6 - 10 p.m. SeaStar Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel, 431 East Main St., Riverhead. Musical entertainment by Sahara. $60 per person, $100 per couple. 631-727-7600, www.riverheadchamber.com.

GIORGIO'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL – 7-11 p.m. Giorgio's at Fox Hill, Baiting Hollow. Open bar, dinner, dancing. 631-727-6076, www.giorgiosat foxhill.com.

SATURDAY, 10

SANTA AT APPLEBEE'S – 8:30 a.m. Riverhead, benefits Toys for Tots. www.applebees.com. $10.

SPARKLING WINE SALON – noon- 1p.m., Sparkling Pointe Tasting House, 39750 County Rd. 48, Southold, 631-765-0200. A wine educator will introduce you to a Sparkling Pointe Methode Champenoise. Reservations Required. Seats are Limited!

LIVE MUSIC – 1-5 p.m., Bedell Cellars, Bryce Larsen, former "American Idol" contestant, 36225 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-7537

LIVE MUSIC – 1-5 p.m., Peconic Bay Winery, 31320 Main Rd., Cutchogue. www.peconicbaywinery.com. 631-734-7361. Free.

LIVE MUSIC – 1-5 p.m., Sparkling Pointe Vineyards, 39750 County Rd. 48, Southold. 631-765-0200, wwwsparklingpointe.com. Free.

SPARKLING AND CAKE – 2-5 p.m. Sherwood House Vineyards, Jamesport. Details 631-779-2817.

LIVE MUSIC – 2-5 p.m., Martha Clara Vineyard, East End Trio. 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075, www.marthaclaravineyards.com. Free admission.

SHERWOOD HOUSE MUSIC – 2-6 p.m. Sherwood House Vineyard, 1291 Main Road, Jamesport. www.sherwoodhousevineyards.com. Free.

SUNDAY, 11

LIVE PIANO – 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Giorgio's, 100 Fox Hill Dr., Baiting Hollow. $26.95, children 3-12 $16.95. 631-727-6076, www.giorgiosli.com.

FREE TOUR SUNDAYS – 1-2 p.m., Sparkling Pointe Tasting House, 39750 County Rd. 48, Southold, 631-765-0200. Learn the secrets of Methode Champenoise and Sparkling Wines! Reservations Required. Groups Limited.

LIVE MUSIC – 1-5 p.m. Peconic Bay Winery, 31320 Main Rd., Cutchogue. www.peconicbaywinery.com. 631-734-7361. Free.

LIVE MUSIC – 1-5 p.m., Bedell Cellars, Dan Donnelly, soft rock, 36225 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-7537

LIVE MUSIC – 2-5 p.m., Martha Clara Vineyard, Take Three, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead. 631-298-0075, www.marthaclaravineyards.com. Free admission.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM – 3:30-6:30 p.m., Living Water Full Gospel Church, 24 Shade Tree Lane, Riverhead, a 60-minute interactive experience of the Christmas Story. Visit Santa in North Pole Living Room and have a FREE picture taken. 631-722-4969, www.lwfgc.org. Free.

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December 14 til its gone.

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LifeStyle

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

with Maria Tennariello

Can you believe it, the year is almost over and we will all be one year older, except me! The weather has been almost perfect, the villages are buzzing and the stores are packed with shoppers. Let's do some holiday shopping!

Among the definitive specialty jewelers on the East End, **Marinelli Jewelers**, 7 Eastport Manor Road, offers expert diamond setting, one-of-a-kind designs and a full line of specialty watches and jewelry. In addition to exquisite luxury pieces, the highly celebrated and much desired, more casual line of Pandora charm bracelets and necklaces are also available at their plush Eastport location. Stop in and see Richard Loevner, designer extraordinaire, for something perfect for that special person on your holiday gift list or for any occasion. For information and store hours call 631-325-1812, www.MarinelliJewelers.com.

Seahorse Interiors, located in beautiful Eastport at 498 Montauk Highway has numerous eclectic gift items for everyone on your holiday gift list including beautiful jewelry, furniture, pillows and lots of interesting accessories and stocking stuffers. There is a Storewide Sale in progress with new holiday items arriving daily, so get going before Santa buys them all! Call for more info and store hours, 631-909-4600.

For the perfect holiday gifts, step into **Eastport's Little Secret**, 519 Montauk Highway for a little bit of everything and a whole lot more arriving daily. In addition to the large selection of Vera Bradley, Chamilia, Lindsay Phillips Snap Shoes, there is a nice selection of sterling silver jewelry, costume jewelry, Sorrelli jewelry, baby gifts, toys, soybean candles, Crabtree & Evelyn Products, The Elf on the Shelf and more...they all make great stocking stuffers. Call 631-801-2806 for information and store hours.

For carefully planned or last minute gifts, **Messina Jewelry**, 103 Main Street, Westhampton Beach is having a special holiday Storewide Sale saving you from 20% to 50% off all merchandise on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 9, 10, 11, 11a.m.-5p.m. or by appointment. 631-288-2967.

Westhampton Beach Fine Wine & Spirits, 171 Montauk Highway, carries a wide variety of highly rated wines from all over the world including Lafite Rothchild, Sassicaia, Phelps Insignia and many, many others. There are also unique holiday gifts for that special wine lover on your list. Gift baskets, gift certificates and free delivery are available. Open seven days. 631-288-0138, www.westhamptonfinewine.com.

Dazzelle, 47 Jobs Lane, Southampton, is presenting their new dazzelling holiday collection featuring outerwear from Barbour and Nils warm cozy sweaters with accessories to match. Evening wear, custom clothing and alterations are available with personal attention. There's even something for him...open year 'round, everyday. 631-283-8477.

John Dillon and his staff at **John Dillon Salon and Day Spa** in Southampton have another beautiful deal for you. For every $100 you spend in gift certificates, you will receive a $25 gift card FREE! We all have enough "stuff"...this is a wonderful way to give the gift of pampering and beauty! 16 Hill Street, Southampton, 631-283-8383.

Bean 2 Tween, 79 Jobs Lane, Southampton, has everything from unique stocking stuffers to festive holiday dresses. The hand knit hats from Peru make the perfect gift for your bean or your tween. 631-377-3639, www.bean2tween.com.

At **Sunrise to Sunset Surf & Sport**, 36 Hill Street, Southampton, I found a great gift for my traveling friend Quicksilver luggage with wheels, a retractable handle, a zip-off backpack and padded laptop compartment...Wow! Look for that special Mad Bomber leather and fur hat that also comes in kid's sizes in a nice variety of colors and fabrics. Don't leave behind the black plaid hooded flannel shirt jacket by the Quicksilver Waterman collection...you know the drill. Just stop and see for yourself. 631-283-2929, www.SunriseToSunsetNY.com.

Jill Lynn & Co., 81 Jobs Lane, Southampton, has beautiful handmade one-of-a-kind fine jewelry with custom designs for the holidays and for all occasions. The Jill Lynn Diamond "Bow" necklace features two trillion cut diamonds and two tapered baguettes diamonds set in 18k white gold. The total diamond weight is 1.28ct. 631-287-1001, www.jillynnandco.com.

Finding a truly original holiday gift this year is not easy to do. At **Twist**, 46 Jobs Lane, Southampton, you

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will find peel and stick chalkboard decals with chalk ($38), perfect for decorating a bedroom. Look for the unique MOGO charm bands and Mosies, a cozy, plush and stylish slipper can be easily personalized with more than 200 different click-on magnetic charms to reflect your style. These are hot this season and available exclusively at Twist. 631-287-7990, www.TwistSouthampton.com.

J Brand's newest denim "tencel," a mid-rise, super soft and stretchy fabric, boasts the most comfortable fit for all body types. Stop in at **Norah's**, 76 Jobs Lane, Southampton, and try on the many styles and color washes of J Brand Jeans. Available are cords, denim, velvet and riding pants. 631-287-4636.

Sunrise Sunset, Southampton

Vintage and previously owned top name designer handbags and accessories, including Hermes, Chanel, Gucci, and Dior are ready to fly out the door for holiday gift giving at **The Perfect Purse**, 20 Hampton Road, Southampton. All merchandise is guaranteed authentic. The shop owns their entire inventory outright, purchasing only those in the best condition. Gift certificates also available. 631-283-3360.

Snake Hollow Studio Holiday Shop, 221 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, is having a holiday extravaganza on Saturdays and Sundays 11a.m.-5 p.m. Designer Keith Barker's hand-crafted wooden products are made in the Hamptons from local materials. In the mix are custom mirrors, sconces, art tables and chairs, bird houses along with wonderful gift items. Also for your collection, signature Equestrian and local bird drawings and paintings by Lynn Matsuoka. Ask about the Japan collection!

Christmas is in the air at the **Salty Home** store located in the Bridgehampton Commons. Look for furnishings with function and flair. My favorite is the Raffles round dining table that is available in over a dozen colors. The store is filled, and I mean filled, to the rafters with everything you would love to see sitting on a shelf, gracing a wall and hanging from the ceiling in your home. There is also a special children's section where you will find extravagant pint-sized furniture and accessories. There are unusual gifts and special stocking stuffers for everyone here. Stop in or call for information 631-237-1250.

At **Ashawagh Hall**, 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton, set your clock for the "By Hand" Artisans presentation of their 15th annual holiday gift show on December 10 and 11, 1 p.m.-5p.m. Catch the holiday spirit and shop for special and unique gifts. The show features handmade jewelry, pottery, stained glass, ceramics, hand-woven scarves and clothing, Shibori dyed silks, woodcarving, greeting cards, toys, fine art and so much more. 631-987-6312.

Trader Bill's, located in Sterlington Commons at 313 Third Street in Greenport, features unique treasures this season. Check out the hand-formed and hand-painted Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) vase with a hand carved bas. What a special gift for that collector on your list! 631-477-6690.

In NYC: **The Wampum Skate Shop**, 2487 Main Street, Bridgehampton, is celebrating the opening of their second store on Sunday December 11 from 2p.m.-6p.m. The new location is at 5 Cleveland Place (in Soho between Kenmare and Broome), New York. It will have the same feel as the Bridgehampton shop with a combination of art, fashion and skateboarding, as it will be carrying a lot of local brands from the Hamptons in addition to national labels. The inventory in the store ranges from shoes to sunglasses and everything in between. For information call the sister shop in Bridgehampton - 631-537-6007. www.wampumny.com

The JanePost Sample and Stock Sale is on for December 8 from 10a.m.-6p.m. and December 9 10a.m-7p.m. at 240 W. 37th Street, 8th floor, (between 7th and 8th Avenues). Look for current styles and amazing deals on fall and spring outwear in sizes XS to XL.

Until next week. Ciao and happy holiday shopping!

If you have any questions or your shop is having sales, new inventory, re-opening or is a brand new business, my readers want to hear about it. E-mail me at: Shoptil@danspapers.com or NewKids@danspapers.com - I will be happy to get the word out!

Kid's Calendar

For more events happening this week, check out:

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UPCOMING

CHOREOGRAPHING WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT, A MINI WORKSHOP – 12/18, noon – 4p.m. for girls 8-18, Kate Mueth and the Neo-Political Cowgirls Dance Theatre Company, Hampton Ballet Theatre School, 213 Butter Ln., Studio J, BH. No dance experience necessary. 631-329-7130. Pre-registration is required. $50

WINTER NATURE HIKE – 12/29, 10 a.m. guided hike up to North Pond, through Pine Barrens. 3 Old Country Rd., Quogue. A free program for adults and families. Reservations required 631-653-4771.

FRIDAY, 9

GOAT ON A BOAT TOT ART – 10:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org.

SOUTHAMPTON LIGHTING OF THE WINDMILL – 5-7 p.m. Stony Brook Southampton, SH. Treats for all ages. Free.

HAYGROUND FORUM BREAD & POETRY– 6 p.m. all-ages reading, The Hayground School, 151 Mitchell Ln., BH.
631-537-7068 x113, www.hayground.org.

THE HAMPTON BALLET THEATRE SCHOOL (HBTS) NUTCRACKER - 7 p.m., 12/10 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. , 12/11 at 2 p.m. , Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. $20 /$15 children under 12. Orchestra, box seats and group rates available. 631-237-4810.

SATURDAY, 10

SAG HARBOR FARMERS MARKET – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bay Burger, 1742 Bridgehampton- Sag Harbor Turnpike, SGH.

GOAT ON A BOAT – THE MYSTERY OF THE MOUNTAIN - 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. $10 for everyone, $9 for members and grandparents, $5 for children under three. Goat on a Boat Theatre, 4 East Hampton St., SGH. 631-725-4193, www.goatonaboat.org.

HOLIDAY WINTERFEST IN WESTHAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. throughout village for all ages. www.westhamptonchamber.com.

ANNIE – 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., 12/11 2 p.m. Bay Street Theatre, Long Wharf, SGH. 631-725-9500, www.baystreet.org. $15.

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE – 4:30 p.m. Celebrate the beginning of the winter season with a nighttime hike through the forest up to North Pond as we look and listen for nocturnal creatures and enjoy some night vision activities under the light of the moon. The walk will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Reservations required. For adults and families with children over 11. $5/members free. 3 Old Country Rd., Quogue. A free program for adults and families. Reservations required 631-653-4771.

SUNDAY, 11

JCOH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR – also 12/18, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. books and gifts for all ages. 44 Woods Ln., EH. 631-324-9858. www.jcoh.org.

VISIT FROM SANTA WITH THE LAUREL GROUP AT BAYWOODS - 11a.m.-3p.m. Free photo with Santa. Collecting non-perishable food items. 910 Montauk Hwy, WM. 631-726-6610. www.thelaurelgroup.net

SHARK DIVE - 11 a.m., ages 12 and up (12-17 must be accompanied by a parent). Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center, 431 East Main St., RVHD. The Aquarium puts you into a cage in the middle of more than 10 circling sharks! No diving certification necessary. 631-208-9200, www.longislandaquarium.com. $155/nonmembers, $140/members (includes aquarium admission). Daily.

EAST HAMPTON DAY CARE LEARNING CENTER'S 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY – 6 - 8 p.m., The Palm Restaurant at The Huntting Inn, 94 Main St., EH. Silent Auction and Raffle $40 in advance and $50 at the door. 631-324-5560, www.easthamptondaycare.org.

MONDAY, 12

GOAT ON A BOAT PLAY GROUP – 9:30 a.m., 4 E. Union St., SGH. 631-725-4193. www.goatonaboat.org. Also Friday.

THURSDAY, 15

MUSIC TOGETHER BY THE DUNES - The Joy of Family Music. Join us in this popular Early Childhood Music and Movement program for children, newborn through age 5 and their parents or caregivers. Singing, dancing, rhythmic chants, instrument play and movement are explored in a fun, educational environment. Songbook, CD's, newsletters and parent guide w/D.V.D. are included with tuition. Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Dance Center of the Hamptons in Westhampton Beach, Monday afternoon at Kidnastics in Center Moriches, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the East Hampton First United Methodist Church, Thursday mornings at the Southampton Cultural Center, Friday mornings at SYS Recreation Center on Majors Path in Southampton and the Children's Museum in Bridgehampton, Sunday morning. Ask about a free demonstration class. 631-764-4180, www.mtbythedunes.com.

E-mail Kid's Calendar listings to stacy@danspapers.com before noon on Friday.

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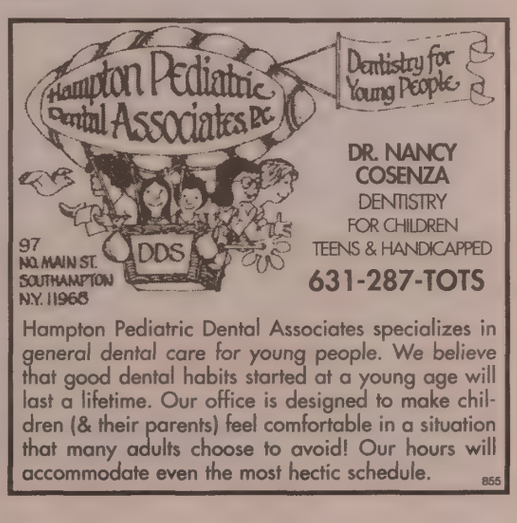
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Food & Dining

SIMPLE ART OF COOKING

by Silvia Lehrer

The United Service Organization (U.S.O.), an organization that supports U.S. service men and women goes back to a significant era giving the military a forum of recreation during hard times. The U.S.O. became very personal to B. Smith whose dad served in World War II, and she feels certain how appreciative her dad must be because of her involvement. B. often entertains the military at both her Washington, D.C. and New York restaurants. She and her husband Dan Gasby are committed to getting the message out about the U.S.O. as it is still a very viable organization and they feel privileged to be a part of it. On November 14, B. and Dan celebrated the 25th anniversary of B. Smith's Restaurant on West 46th Street in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the U.S.O. What is also significant is the proximity of the restaurant and the fact that the U.S.O. was founded in Times Square in 1941.

B. Smith is one busy and extraordinary person. With restaurants in New York, Washington and Sag Harbor, writing cookbooks and acting, B. finds the time to offer her services to events such as "Operation Home Cooking," giving classes to military spouses and honoring American heroes. She and Dan hosted Sgt. First class Leroy Petri, a recent medal of honor recipient and his family. As B. said, "It's important for them to know that there is someone who cares about them." This kind of relationship, and interacting with members of the armed forces and their families makes B. Smith a very happy woman. In addition she feels humbled to be able to spend time with members of the U.S.O. when engaging in their events.

When chatting with Brian Whitney, C.E.O. and President of U.S.O. Metropolitan of New York, he offered "These service men and women are really our nation's heroes. Their heroic actions express America's attitudes." For B. she is "in the business of taking care of people, entertaining and feeding people, and especially feels the need to give back."

Dan Gasby and B. Smith with the U.S.O. Liberty Bells

B. SMITH'S BACON WRAPPED SCALLOPS

Try to purchase the largest diver scallops available for this delicious appetizer. 1 or 2 per person is sufficient for serving as they are quite rich.

Makes 12 appetizers.

Ginger Teriyaki Sauce

1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup Mirin (Japanese rice wine)
2 tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Bacon Wrapped Scallops

12 strips thin sliced smoked bacon
12 scallops
Extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper

1.Pour soy sauce and Mirin in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Stir in sugar and ginger until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and serve on the side for dipping.

2. Trim excess fat from the bacon strips. Remove side muscle from the scallops and wrap scallops with bacon strips, winding the strip around the scallop. Secure each one with a toothpick.

3. Place scallops on a parchment-lined sheet pan and lightly season with salt and pepper; drizzle with extra virgin olive oil. Place oven rack 3 to 4 inches below broiler element. Preheat broiler. Broil scallops turning them once making sure bacon is cooked through. Total cooking time about 1 1/2 minutes. Transfer to a platter and serve with paper napkins.

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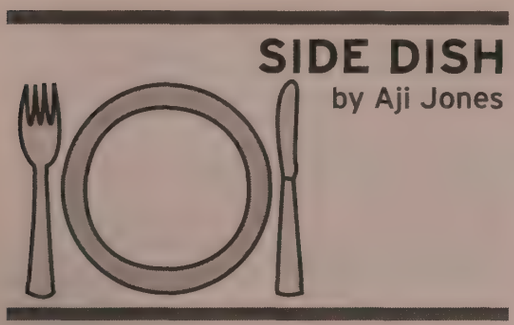

Rowdy Hall in East Hampton will be hosting Santa Claus on Saturday, December 10 as part of the East Hampton Chamber's Holiday Stroll. From 10 a.m. to noon, children of all ages can have their photo taken with Santa for a minimum $2 donation to East Hampton Food Pantries. Contributions of boxed or canned food will also be accepted for the Food Pantry. Dreesen's donuts and apple cider will be served. In addition, customizable holiday lunch menus will be offered for the month of December. Geared towards local businesses, menus are available for any size office lunch, to eat in or take out. For parties of fifteen or more, the boss eats free. 631-324-8555

The Living Room Restaurant at c/o The Maidstone in East Hampton hosts the annual tree lighting on Sunday, December 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. The event includes cookie decorating with Santa, hot drinks, music and a raffle benefitting the East Hampton Food Pantry. A three-course holiday prix fixe dinner will also be offered beginning at 6 p.m. for $85 per person. Menu offerings include lamb rillettes with cauliflower curry puree; grilled hanger steak with potato, leek and Swedish anchovy gratin, caramelized Brussels sprouts, sauce bordelaise; and Swedish soft ginger cake with mascarpone mousse. 631-324-5006

Harbor Grill in East Hampton is open on Christmas Eve from noon until 7 p.m. Both the regular and the $19 three-course prix fixe menus will be offered all day. In addition, the restaurant will spread holiday cheer with homemade eggnog for kids and $3 "Santa Spiked" eggnog for adults. The restaurant also offers gift cards, perfect for parents, grandparents, teachers or co-workers. 631-604-5290

Nick and Toni's in East Hampton offers a la carte holiday specials beginning at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. In addition to complimentary amuse Bouche and dessert amuse, diners may select seafood salad with Peconic Bay scallops, Laughing Bird shrimp and calamari with lemon dressing and tossed with shaved radicchio and arugula ($18); grilled octopus with Tuscan white beans braised in tomato with Satur Farms escarole ($32); and chocolate chestnut torta with candied chestnuts and cranberry compote ($12). 631-324-3550

Pagano's – That Little Italian Place in Greenport is open Wednesday through Monday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Menu offerings include gourmet pizzas, pastas, eggplant Parmesan and other Italian specialties. Daily specials and a full bar are also offered. 631-477-6767

Silvia (continued from previous page)

B. SMITH'S CHICKEN DRUMMETS WITH SWEET CHILI SAUCE

"The marinade infuses layers of flavor, and the chili sauce adds just the right amount of sweetness and spice. These wings are truly addictive," B. Smith.

Yield: 24 chicken wing pieces

1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
½ teaspoon onion powder
½ teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons five-spice powder
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
24 chicken wing pieces or drumettes (2 1/2 to 3 pounds)
3/4 cup all-purpose flour, more if needed
Canola oil, for frying
1 bottle store-bought sweet chili sauce
1 pint orange juice
2 tablespoons toasted white sesame seeds optional for garnish

For the marinade, combine the soy sauce, onion powder, garlic powder, five-spice powder, and black pepper in a small bowl.

If using whole wings, cut the chicken at the joints to make 3 pieces. Discard the tips or freeze for stock. Place the chicken wing pieces or drumettes in a re-sealable gallon-size plastic food storage bag, add the marinade to the plastic bag. Seal the bag and turn to coat the chicken wings. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour and up to 12 hours, turning the bag occasionally.

Remove the wings from the marinade. Add the flour to a clean re-sealable plastic food storage bag.

Add the wings a few pieces at a time, shake to coat, then shake off excess flour.

In a deep skillet, pour canola oil and heat to 350°F. Fry the wings in batches until crisp and the juices run clear when pierced near the bone with a sharp knife. Drain on paper towels.

Pour the chili sauce into a large bowl. While warm, add the chicken wings to the bowl and toss them to coat with the chili sauce. Serve warm or at room temperature, garnished with toasted sesame seeds if desired.

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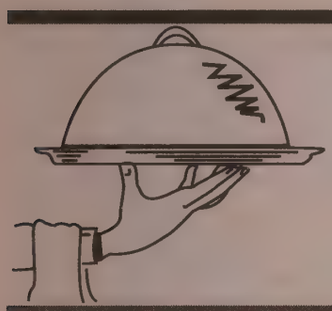

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ART COMMENTARY

by Marion W. Weiss

ADLER AND BEEGAN AT KALAHER FINE ART

It was bound to happen: digital photography has invaded the realm of painting. Literally. Case in point: Andrew Hart Adler and Carolyn Beegan's collaboration which combines two separate art forms thus creating an aesthetic synthesis. Here is proof again that diverse media/techniques can exist in tandem, just as they have in the past (like mixing drawing and painting, to cite an obvious example).

However, combining digital photography and painting seems to be a more complicated process than usual. Moreover, how important is it to distinguish between the two media when we look at the work? Or is the idea that the media are symbiotically attached to each other the real point? This critic can't begin to answer those questions because it doesn't really matter in Adler and Beegan's pieces. Why? Their images are so arresting and provocative, we don't ponder the techniques used.

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The evolution of these images is equally stimulating, particularly in Beegan's case. We remember her early works where block-like forms were more prevalent, along with her figures. Her present pieces are somewhat different in their graceful, non-geometric shapes. Yet there's a sense of texture and layering that's akin to her previous endeavors. Also similar are her classical figures, like "The Disappointed Madonna," which is not in the Kalaher exhibit. Beegan has always had a penchant for physicality and surrealistic imagery as well, recalling her past works featuring "Red Socks" and three dresses hanging in space ("The Three Graces"). Her current "The Three Graces" is ambiguous, too, with two nude females extending their arms upward.

A Quatre Mains

Adler's influence from his previous works is less noticeable, although his adherence to musical structure has continued in the ebb and flow of the present shapes. His superimpositions also evoke "layer upon layer that give glimpses of different cultures" which are seen in his current creations.

Such superimpositions convey the surreal quality of Adler and Beegan's work because we cannot exactly define what the images are or their relationship to each other. (Images of coupling are definitive, however.) Abstract configurations also seem beautiful and grotesque simultaneously. Animals, like the zebra in "Rhythms of the Veidt," are fragmented, evoking Surrealism as well.

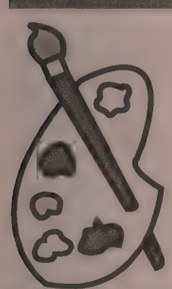
Yet we get the idea of nature in all its wholeness, complexities, glories and perhaps dangers. Like Beegan's work during the mid 1990s featuring radishes, for example, nature is vital and life-enforcing. And intensely engaging.

Despite the distortion of some aspects of nature, both Adler and Beegan have done their homework, diligently studying their subjects, often on location, and clearly defining particular elements, including bones, horns and skin. It's almost as if they have developed a scientific journal, but one predicated on imagination and creativity.

Adler and Beegan's exhibit will be on view at Southampton's Arthur Kalaher's Fine Art until December 17. (28E Jobs Lane, 631-204-0383).

CORRECTION regarding last week's ART COMMENTARY:

On the Bench filmmaker Jeff Dell's assistants are Charlie Glassman and Frank Roccanova.



HONORING THE ARTIST

by Marion W. Weiss

This week's cover, "Happy Holidays" by Jo – Ann Corretti, certainly captures the spirit of the season, capturing a time that is both cheerful and colorful. The home and church could be any small town, U.S.A., although we imagine the scene represents either the North or South Fork. In this particular image, Corretti has pinpointed the essence of the setting, a quality she replicates with all her work. Consider, for example, how she conveys the mood of summer with her Adirondack chairs or vineyard views. Her depiction of local color is also seen in area barns and farmland, images that bring the venues to life.

Q: You'll be busy this next month or so. What are you up to?

A: I will be having a show the whole month of December at The Book Revue (a book store) in Huntington and at the Fiedler Gallery in Greenport. I'm also selling my Christmas cards with holiday scenes.

Q: How about last year? You were busy then as well.

A: I got into photography although I always took pictures to use as references for my paintings. I call my photos "artistic photography." I add or subtract elements, like color. The images become more vibrant in nature. People thought the photos were paintings.

Q: The obvious question: What will you be doing this coming year?

A: At the end of each year I get psyched about coming up with new ideas. It's rejuvenating. For 2012 I want to take my photographs and do two or more overlays; with my paintings, I want to include objects and people.

Q: What do you find you like about photography?

A: Photography is a challenge. It's fun to play with it, to try this and that. I don't like to just do a photo and put it out there.

Q: How about painting? Is it as challenging as photography for you?

A: Painting is more challenging. You start with a blank canvas. It's all you. I even went back to school and studied with an illustrator.

Q: What stuck with you from this instruction?

A: Figure drawing. Everything comes back to you; it becomes a part of you. My teacher would call me and ask me to come over to see his work and ask for my suggestions.

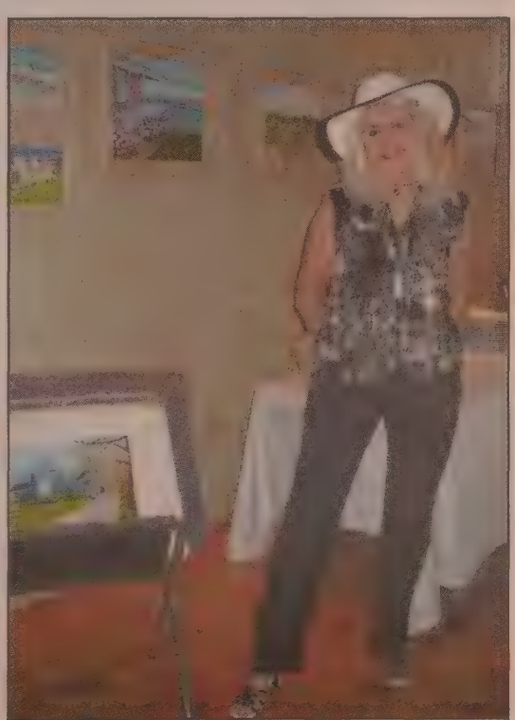
Q: Now that it's winter (you do a lot of summer scenes) what will you do?

A: Some people don't like winter; the snow is depressing for some. But I will be painting as usual. I can just look out my window and paint the snow.

Q: I know you like to knit and bake bread. You have manual dexterity, that's for sure, which shows in your paintings' use of detail.

A: I bake bread once a week; I haven't eaten meat for 18 years.

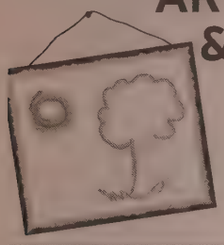
Q: How about your children? Are they artistic?



A: My son and daughter are very creative. I feel blessed at this time of year. At all times of the year.

Jo-Ann Corretti's work will be at Greenport's Fiedler Gallery during December (207 Main Street, 631-477-4242) and at The Book Revue in Huntington (313 New York Ave., 631-271-1442).

ART OPENINGS & GALLERIES



For more events happening this week, check out:

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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

BY HAND – 12/10, 12/11 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton, "By Hand" artisans will return for a special holiday gift show. The show features handmade jewelry, pottery, stained glass, ceramics, and more. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information call Jill at 631-987-6312.

THE CRAZY MONKEY GALLERY – Presents the Jana and Jim Hayden, and Small Works Show. Begins December 2 and runs until January 1. The gallery will also present an exhibit titled "Small Works" by members of the art cooperative. On view will be art by Claire and Daniel Schoenheimer, Wilhemina Howe, Lance Corey, Barbara Bilotta, Andrea McCafferty, Anna Franklin, Ellyn and Bob Tucker, Sheila Rotner, June Kaplan, Mark Zimmerman, Diane Marxe, Ruth Rogers-Altmann and Catherine Silver. For more information, visit the gallery website, www.thecrazymonkeygallery.com.

NOYAC COMMUNITY GALLERY Artist talk December 10 from 3 to 5 p.m., exhibition dates from December 1 to the 17th featuring the work of Ryan F. Kennedy and Ingrid Silva. Located at 3348 Noyac Road in North Sea. Conact 917 776-0211.

GALLERIES

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ANN MEDONIA ANTIQUES – 36 Jobs Ln., SH. 631-283-1878.

ARTHUR T. KALAHER FINE ART – 28E Jobs Ln. SH. 631-204-0383, arthurtkalaher@gmail.com. (See listing above.)

ASHAWAGH HALL – 780 Springs Fireplace Rd., EH. 631-324-5671. www.ashawagh-hall.org.

BOCK ART LIMITED GALLERY – Works by Charles Bock, 16 Hill St., SH. 631-287-1078, www.bockartlimited.com.

CHRYSALIS GALLERY ARTISTS EXHIBITION – Open Mondays & Thursdays from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Ends 11/19. Located at 2 Main Street, Southampton, 631-287-1883 www.chrysalisgallery.com. (See listing above.)

CHUCK SEAMAN FISH PRINTING – 27B Gardner's Lane, HB. 631-338-7977.

THE DRAWING ROOM – through 12/31 – Paintings, sculpture, drawings, photographs, jewelry and ceramics by John Alexander, Diane Mayo and Caio Fonseca, 66 Newtown Lane, EH, 631-324-5016.

EAST END ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY – 133 East Main St., RVHD. 631-727-0900, www.eastendarts.org. (See listing above.)

EAST HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – The Claus Hoie Gallery of Whaling, East Hampton Town Marine Museum, East Hampton Historical Society, 301 Bluff Rd., EH. RSVP: 631-324-6850.

GUILD HALL – Three exhibits on view through 1/16: Drew Shiflett, "Constructed Drawings," "Selections from the Permanent Collection," and "Contrabando," works by Rafael Ferrer, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806.

FOUR NORTH MAIN STREET GALLERY – "The Other Portrait Show," artists Daniel Gonzalez, Paton Miller, Novel Degaetano, Brian O'Leary, John Pomianowski and Zellie Rellim. Located at 4 N. Main Street Gallery, SH. 631-885-1289.

JILL LYNN & CO – 81 Jobs Ln., SH. Works by Joelle Nicole. www.jilllynnandco.com.

LUCILLE KHORNAK GALLERY – Portrait photography. 2400 Montauk Hwy., BH. 631-613-6000, www.theportraitspecialist.com.

MARK BORGHI FINE ART – 2426 Main St., BH. 631-537-7245, www.borghi.org.

MARK HUMPHREY GALLERY – "The Renaissance NYC," group show. 95 Main St., SH. 631-283-3113, www.markhumphreygallery.com.

PAILLETTS – 78 Main St., SGH. 631-899-4070.

PARASKEVAS – Works by Michael Paraskevas. By appt. 83 Main St., WHB. 631-287-1665.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM – "American Portraits," through 11/27. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Jobs Ln., Southampton. 631-283-2118. Fridays at Noon, free admission to the museum and lecture, bring a bag lunch. www.parrishart.org. (See story on page 27).

RICHARD J. DEMATO FINE ARTS GALLERY – Featuring works by Kyla Zoe Rafert. 90 Main St., SGH. Open Thursday through Sunday, 11-6 p.m., Saturday to 9 p.m. 90 Main St., SGH. 631-725-1161.

ROMANY KRAMORIS – The gallery's holiday exhibition includes local artists Shey Wolvek, Isabel Pavao, Jude Amsel, Christopher Engel, George Wazenegger, Laura Rozenberg, Maria Orlova, and many others. The Christmas show focuses on small works of art. Special pricing on artist of the week. Holiday cheer served every Saturday and Sunday. Joy and music. Through January 8. Open weekdays 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 a.m.-11 p.m or later on weekends. 41 Main St., SGH. 631-725- 2499, www.kramorisgallery.com.

ROSALIE DIMON GALLERY –The Jamesport Manor Inn, 320 Manor Lane, JP. 631-722-0500.

SILAS MARDER GALLERY, 120 Snake Hollow Road, BH. Holiday Salon group show, through December 18, and "Architecture of a Bomb," a site-specific installation by Ben Butler and Michael Rosch. 631.702.2306 or info@silasmarder.com. (See listing above.)

SOUTHAMPTON CULTURAL CENTER –Levitas Center for the Arts at the Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Ln., SH. www.southamptonartists.org. (See listing above.)

SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM – "The Joy of Toys," Rogers Mansion, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton Historical Museum, through December 31, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., $4 nonmembers. 631-283-2494.

SOUTH STREET GALLERY – featuring Sibylle-Maria Pfaffenbichler, "The Joy of Music and Dance" exhibition. 18 South Street, Greenport. 631-477-0021.

THOMAS ARTHUR GALLERIES – 54 Montauk Hwy, AMG. 18th and 20th-century oil paintings and prints. New shows monthly. 631-324-9070, www.antiquesvalue.net.

TRAPANI FINE ART – 447 Plandome Road, Manhasset. Original representational oil paintings by nationally acclaimed artists. Full-service custom framing and limited edition prints. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 516-365-6014, www.TrapaniFineArt.com.

TULLA BOOTH – "About Face: Portraits + Personalities + Documentary, " featuring works by Burt Glinn, Steve McCurry, Costa Peterson and Bert Stern, through December 15, 66 Main St., SGH. Open Thurs.-Tues., 12:30-7 p.m. 631-725-3100, www.tullaboothgallery.com.

VERED – Winter group exhibition, "Landscape/Seascape," by modern masters Milton Avery, Oscar Bluemner and Thomas Moran will be on display with contemporary works by Wolf Kahn, Jules Olitski, Robert Dash, Balcomb Greene and Grant Haffner through January 30, 68 Park Place, EH, 631-324-3303.

WATER MILL ATELIERS – 903 Montauk Hwy, WM. Lon Hamaekers: Photography, art and 20th-century antiques. 917-838-4548, www.lonhamaekers.1stdibs.com.

WATER MILL MUSEUM – "Vintage N.Y. Salt Water Baits and Lures from the '40s and '50s," 41 Old Mill Rd., WM. 631-726-4625, www.watermillmuseum.org.

Send Gallery listings to david@danspapers.com before noon on Friday. Check out www.danshamptons.com for more listings and events.

MOVIES

Schedule for the week of Friday, December 9 to Thursday, December 15. Always call to confirm shows and times. Some are not available at press time.

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Arthur Christmas (PG) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:50, 7:50, Fri., 4:50, 7:50, 10:15 Sat., 2:15, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15 Sun., 2:15, 4:50, 7:50
The Descendants (R) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:45, 7:40, Fri., 4:45, 7:40, 10:20 Sat., 2, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20 Sun., 2, 4:45, 7:40
Happy Feet (PG) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:15, 7:15, Fri., 4:15, 7:15, 9:50 Sat., 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50 Sun., 1:30, 4:15, 7:15
Hugo (PG) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:10, 7:20, Fri., 4:10, 7:20, 10:25 Sat., 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25 Sun., 1:20, 4:10, 7:20
Jay Edgar (R) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:20, 7:30, Fri., 4:20, 7:30, 10:30 Sat., 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30 Sun., 1:15, 4:20, 7:30
Twilight (PG13) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4, 7, Fri., 4, 7, 10 Sat., 1, 4, 7, 10 Sun., 1, 4, 7

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Jack and Jill (PG) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:45, 7:20, Fri., 4:45, 7:20, 9:50 Sat., 1:45, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50 Sun., 1:45, 4:45, 7:20
My Week With Marilyn (R) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:30, 7:10, Fri., 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 Sat., 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 Sun., 1:30, 4:30, 7:10
New Year's Eve (PG13) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4, 7, Fri., 4, 7, 9:30 Sat., 1, 4, 7, 9:30 Sun., 1, 4, 7
Arthur Chistmas (PG) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:15, 6:50, Fri., 4:15, 6:50, 9:20 Sat., 1:15, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20 Sun., 1:15, 4:15, 6:50

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Tower Heist (PG13) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:30, 7:30, Fri., 4:30, 7:30, 10 Sat., 2, 4:30, 7:30, 10 Sun., 2, 4:30, 7:30
The Sitter (R) – Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:40, 7:40, Fri., 4:40, 7:40, 10:10 Sat., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10 Sun., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
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The Muppets (PG) - Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., 4:10, 7, Fri., 4:10, 7, 9:40 Sat., 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:40 Sun., 1:30, 4:10, 7
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The Sitter (R)
J. Edgar (R)
Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn (PG13)
Hugo (PG)
Happy Feet 2 In 3D (PG)
The Muppets (PG)

HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+) (631-288-2600)
New Years Eve (PG13) – Fri, 7, 9:15, Sat, Sun, 4:30, 7, 9:15, Mon-Thurs, 7
Margin Call (R) – Fri., 8:30, Sat, Sun, 4, 8:30, Mon-Thurs, 7
J. Edgar (R) – Fri, Sat, Sun, 6

THE MONTAUK MOVIE (631-668-2393)
Closed for the season.

The sign (+) when following the name of a theater indicates that a show has an infrared assistive listening device. Please confirm with the theater before arriving to make sure they are available.

DAY BY DAY

For more events happening this week, check out:
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THURSDAY, 8

JAM SESSON AT PAGE 63 – 7-9 p.m., Thursdays. Page, 63 Main St., SGH. Come enjoy some great jazz, played by musicians from the East End and beyond. Bring your instrument if you want to jam. 631-725-1810. Nonmusicians $5.

LIVE MUSIC – 7-10 p.m. Muse Restaurant & Aquatic Lounge, 760 Montauk Hwy., WM. 631-726-2606, www.musehampton.com.

FRIDAY, 9

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WOLFFER - 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Wölffer Estate Vineyard, 139 Sagg Rd., SGK. 631-537-5106, www.wolffer.com.

GROOVE GUMBO SUPER BAND FEATURING PIANIST HECTOR MATIGNON AND BASSIST WAYNE BURGESS – 7-9:30 p.m. Agave Mexican Bar and Restaurant, 1970 Montauk Hwy., BH. Every Friday night, 631-237-1334, www.agavehamptons.com. $5.

THE HAMPTON BALLET THEATER SCHOOL PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER – 7 p.m. Also 12/10 p.m. & 7 p.m. and 12/11 2 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. 631-287-4810, www.guildhall.org. $20 adults, $15 children

LATIN NIGHT – 75 Main, SH. $5 Coronas and margaritas, music. 631-283-7575, www.75main.com.

SOUTHAMPTON LIGHTING OF THE WINDMILL – 5-7 p.m. Stony Brook Southampton, SH. Treats for all ages. Free.

MY AFTERNOONS WITH MARGUERITTE - 7:30 p.m. Also 12/10 7:30 p.m., 12/11, 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street. WHB. 631-288-1500. www.whbpac.org. $10 adults, $7 student/senior $3 WHBPAC Society Members.

SATURDAY, 10

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE – 10 a.m. Cooper's Beach, Meadow Ln., SH. 631-283-6415.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING CLASS – 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-0806. www.guildhall.org. $35, $30 Guild Hall members.

ORGANIZATION LATINO-AMERICANA FILM FESTIVAL – 6 p.m. and 12/11, Parrish Art Museum, 25 Job's Ln., SH. $7/members $5. 631-283-2118. www.parrishart.org.

RISING STARS PIANO SERIES PRESENTS KARA HUBER – 7 p.m. Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Ln., SH. 631-287-4377, www.scc-arts.org. $15/students under 21 free.

SAG HARBOR FARMERS MARKET – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bay Burger, 1742 Bridgehampton- Sag Harbor Turnpike, SGH.

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS – 10 a.m. Meet on Mill Path Off Lopers Path east, BH. Hilly, moderately paced 1.5 mile hike with ocean views from top of the moraine. Jean Dodds, 631-599-2391. www.southamptontrails.org.

CHECK! MARDERS GARDEN LECTURE –. 10 a.m. Making Your Own Holiday Wreath Lecture, 120 Snake Hollow Rd., BH. 631-702-2306.

GALLERY TALK- EDWARD J. SULLIVAN, NYU SPEAKS ABOUT THE WORK OF RAFAEL FERRER — 3:30 p.m., Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. 631-324-0806, www.guildhall.org. Free with $7 suggested museum donation, Guild Hall members free

LIVE DANCE PARTIES AT SL EAST – 8:30 p.m. Cover band Full House goes on at 9 a.m. SL East, 44 Three Mile Harbor Rd., EH with East Hampton Studio and Ocean Sound and Light host weekly Saturday night dance parties with live bands and a D.J. No cover charge before 11 p.m. Sponsors: The Enclave Inn, *Dan's Papers*, WVVH-Hamptons TV, East Hampton Studio, Ocean Sound and Light, East Hampton Indoor Tennis, Hampton Access, Dan Bailey & Living Rhythm, Hospitality Capital Advisors, Beach 101.7, Soozy PR. All bottles will be half price. Reservations 631-324-3332.

SUNDAY, 11

VISIT FROM SANTA WITH THE LAUREL GROUP AT BAYWOODS - 11a.m.-3p.m. Free photo with Santa. Collecting non-perishable food items. 910 Montauk Hwy, WM. 631-726-6610. www.thelaurelgroup.net.

HORTICULTURAL ALLIANCE – Garden Performance by Pat Stone/Anniversary Party - 2 p.m. – 5 p.m., Bridgehampton Community House, Main St. at School St., BH. 631-537-2223. $10/members free. Bring finger food.

PICK OF THE WEEK
Annual
Polar Bear Plunge!
December 10th

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ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING – 4-6 p.m., The Living Room c/o The Maidstone, 207 Main Street, EH. 631-324-5006. The tree lighting event will feature several activities and goodies for all attendees.

CAROLS IN CANDLELIGHT – 5 p.m. The musicians of The First Presbyterian Church, 2 South Main Street, Southampton, present festive concert. Lush harmonies of the Chancel Choir and the rich tones of the Handbell Choir. Join in singing Christmas carols. The evening will feature a special choir and bell arrangement of Handel's, "Hallelujah Chorus," in a glorious finale. 631-283-1296. Free-will offering.

EAST HAMPTON DAY CARE LEARNING CENTER'S 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY – 6 - 8 p.m., The Palm Restaurant at The Huntting Inn, 94 Main St., EH. Silent Auction and Raffle $40 in advance and $50 at the door. 631-324-5560, www.easthamptondaycare.org.

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY - Paumanok Path Horseback Ride – 9 a.m. Meet on Merchants Path and Wainscott Harbor Rd., SGK. B.Y.O. horse and helmet. Must be a member of S.T.P.S. to participate due to insurance. Easy join day of ride. Call Barbara Bornstein to reserve, 631-537-6188.

SOUTHAMPTON TRAILS PRESERVATION SOCIETY - Trout Pond Surprise – 10 a.m.-Noon. Meet at Trout Pond parking lot on Noyac Road (across from Mill Road).Hilly, moderately paced 3-mile hike to the unknown. Tony Garro, 631-725-5861. www.southamptontrails.org.

52nd ANNUAL SILVER TEA – noon – 3 p.m. Most Holy Trinity Church, 77 Buell Ln., EH. Raffles, auction, food, sale. 631-324-0134. Free.

BALLET IN CINEMA: SLEEPING BEAUTY – 2 p.m. Parrish Art Museum, 25 Job's Ln., SH. $15/members $12. 631-283-2118. www.parrishart.org.

MONDAY, 12

JAZZ JAM AT THE PIZZA PLACE – 7-9 p.m., Mondays. The Pizza Place, 2123 Montauk Hwy, BH. Join us for an open jazz jam session featuring The Dennis Rafflelock Duo. Up-and-comers & old timers welcome! 631-537-7865.

TUESDAY, 13

SOUTHAMPTON ARTISTS ASSOCIATION DRAWING WORKSHOPS – 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Southampton Cultural Center, SH. 631-725-5851.

CHRISTMAS TALE – 7:30 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main St., EH. www.guildhall.org. Free

WEDNESDAY, 14

DEFENSIVE DRIVING WORKSHOP – 12/14 & 12/15, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. East Hampton Continuing Education Program, East Hampton High School, 2 Long Ln., EH. Save money on your insurance premiums, no exam. 631-725-1485. $55.

LIVE FROM OPENING NIGHT AT LA SCALA: MOZART'S DON GIOVANNI – *noon, Parrish Art* Museum, 25 Job's Ln., SH. $22/members $18. 631-283-2118. www.parrishart.org.

GREATER WESTHAMPTON CHAMBER HOLIDAY DINNER CELEBRATION – 6:30 p.m. Casa Basso, live music by The Killer Bees. R.S.V.P. 631-288-3337 by 12/6. www.whbcc.org. . $40.

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FRIDAY, 16

SEISKAYA BALLET NUTCRACKER – 12/16 – 12/19, Staller Center, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook. Adults $40, children & seniors $34. www.nutcrackerballet.com. See story at left.

Send Day-by-Day Calendar listings to stacy@danspapers.com before noon on Friday.

Check out www.danshamptons.com for more listings and events.

Nutcracker Season!

Seiskaya Ballet's Nutcracker

By Elise D'Haene

I can't even approach the writing of this article without the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" leaping from synapse to synapse – its infectious, rhythmic charm has become embedded in my gray matter, and to tell the truth, I have no idea when it took up residence there. Needless to say, as the holidays approach, the pull of the *Nutcracker* has me in its grip: the dreamscape of mice and toy soldiers fighting, shimmering snowflakes, twinkling Christmas trees – they all collide to form a young girl's adventure on Christmas Eve.

For the last 16 years, the Staller Center at Stony Brook has been transformed by the Seiskaya Ballet into a mystical and magical wonderland for one of the most heralded productions of *Nutcracker* on Long Island. The production was designed specifically for Staller, according to Dimitri Papadakos, the administrative director of the ballet. "We are the only organization that draws all the dancers and participants from its own organization thus providing continuity of style among the corps de ballet. Unquestionably, the sets, drops and costumes set a new standard," he said, adding, "Valia Seiskaya's choreography is unique with a lively pace throughout the production."

Tickets are on sale now at the Staller Center Box Office at 631-632-ARTS and at www.nutcrackerballet.com. Performances are Friday, December 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, December 18 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., and Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets cost $40 for adults, $34 children and seniors and $30 for groups of 20 or more.

For those who can't make it to The Staller Center, The Hampton Ballet Theatre School will present its third annual production of *Nutcracker* on Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 10 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. at Guild Hall's John Drew Theater in East Hampton. Admission is $20 for adults and $15 for children under 12 years of age. Orchestra, box seats and group rates are also available.

The ballet is choreographed by the company's director Sara Jo Strickland.

LETTERS

Gahan Wilson's very original thank you note to Senior Editor Stacy Dermont

RE: SOUTHAMPTON DAY CAMP
Dear Dan,

I understand that the Town of Southampton is making every effort to reduce the extent of non-conforming, pre-existing use of land in the area. In the face of this policy, I believe that the Southampton Day Camp should be scrutinized even more thoroughly, even if all the benefits they claim will accrue to the community were to be true.

As proclaimed in his paid advertisements in your paper, Mr. Jacobs seems very confident that the camp will not present any danger to the lake and surrounding wetlands. If this is so, why is he so resistant to undergoing a full SEQRA review?

Sincerely,
Barbara Marsh
Southampton

Most developers don't volunteer to do studies that would delay them. –DR

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES
Dear Dan,

Years ago an eruv was proposed and debated at a meeting of The Kew Gardens Civic Association, representing then an overwhelmingly Jewish community, 90% of which was not observant. It didn't take long for the Orthodox to slyly hint that the non-orthodox were anti-Semitic, self-hating Jews.

Later there was an attempt to close down a main thoroughfare on the Sabbath. The wider resonance for any community, as you know, has to do with keeping a diversity of local stores and ensuring that local public schools are filled with the children of local residents.

Joan Baum
Springs

Send your letters to
askdan@danspapers.com
(e-mails only, please)

This is what opponents find objectionable about putting up an eruv. –DR

ON THE WATER
Dear Dan,

Nice story on your putting your O'day to bed for the year....I totally understand how you feel.

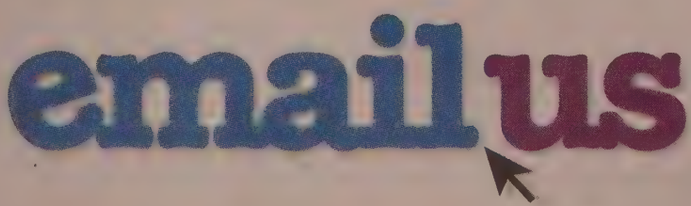
I have a request: may I kindly ask your permission to add you to my BoatUS e-mail press release list?

Thanks for any consideration, and wishing you a good breeze-

D. Scott Croft
Assistant Vice President, Public Relations
Boat Owners Association of The United States
Alexandria, Virginia

P.S. I actually live in New York and have been familiar with your publication for a long time. I always thought *Dan's* was more lifestyle/celebrity/Hamptons scene focused...it's great to find out that you like to sail :)

A look at the byline will show this was written by my son David. I handed him the keys to our boats five years ago. –DR



POLICE BLOTTER

Kicking, Punching and Screaming

A man from Southampton was arrested on felony D.W.I. charges last Saturday after an officer caught him driving erratically on the road and then nearly crashed into a parked car. While being arrested he began to flail his arms and started to punch and kick the police officers arresting him. This accomplished very little.

Captain Underpants

East Hampton Town Police are on the hunt for a man who allegedly ran from the basement of a house with a bag holding women's underwear. A friend of the homeowner saw him and began to fight with him, but he got away. The two of them stood head to head like boxers, but the confrontation was brief, which ended up being more comfortable for everybody when you think about it.

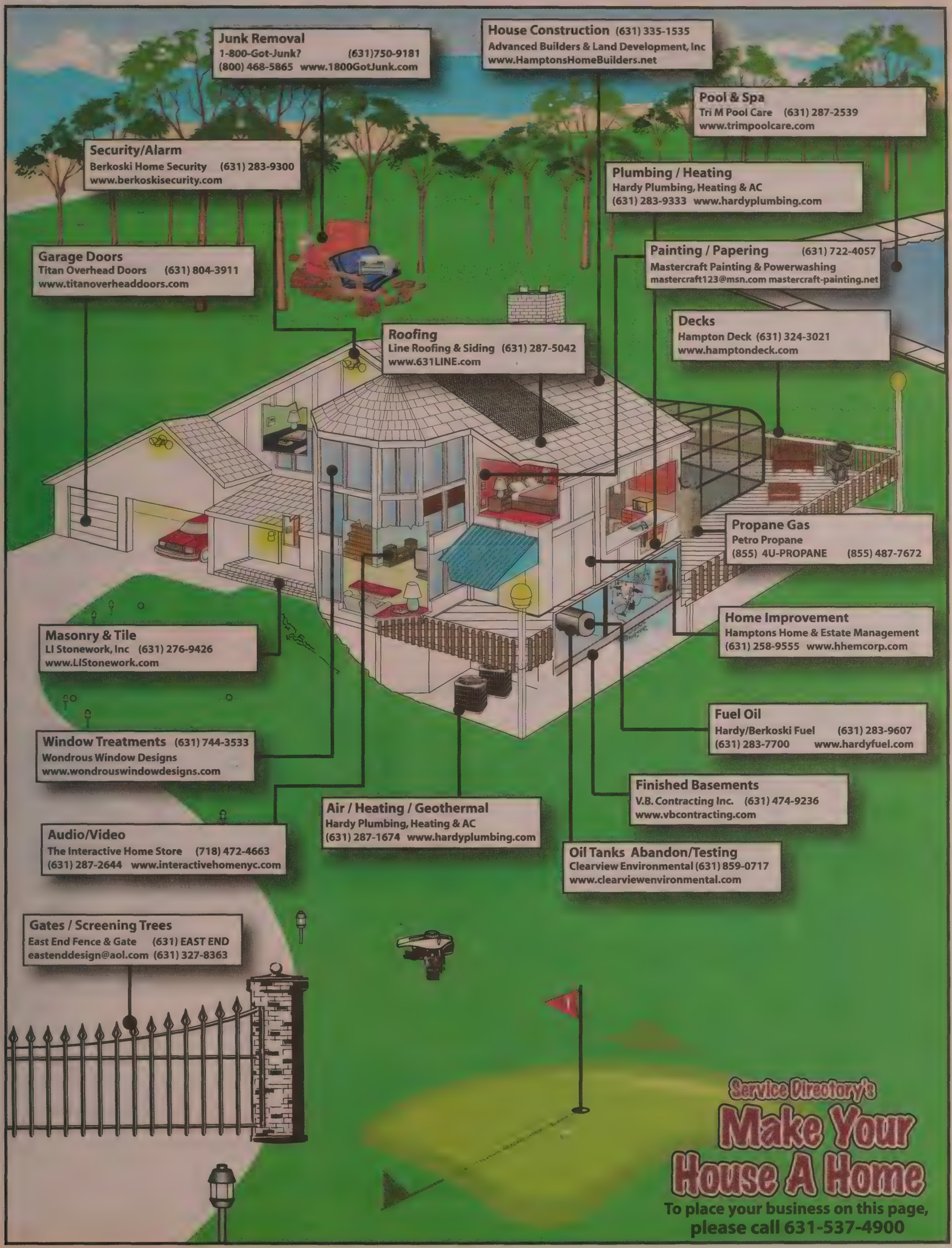
Honey? You Think KFC Is Still Open?

A man from Westhampton is facing felony D.W.I. in Southampton after he was seen being so drugged up, he fell asleep inside of his vehicle while ordering food at a fast food restaurant. The father of the year had his three-year-old son in the backseat.

Shelter Island

Old Man McGumbus, 103 and former World War II grenade specialist, was driving his 1986 Buick down Main Street when a deer sprang out in front of him. McGumbus clipped the deer, and it damaged the right headlight of his Buick. Infuriated, the old man went into the trunk of his car and grabbed his M203 Grenade Launcher, which fires a 40 mm grenade. McGumbus, wasting no time, spotted the deer in his sights, whispered the words to himself, "God damn hippies," and fired. In an instant, the deer exploded into hundreds of pieces. There were deer guts everywhere on Main Street and splattered on some of the cars parked on the side of the road. One of the cars splattered was Bert Pickles, who drives an MG, he is 24 years old and plays in the rock band, "Cool Before It Was Cool." Pickles yelled out to McGumbus, "Hey Old Man! You messed up my MG!" To which McGumbus replied by loading another grenade into his grenade launcher and said, "That MG? THAT MG YOU GOD DAMN HIPPIE!!!" McGumbus fired and blew up the MG, causing a severe fire that needed to be put out. There is a YouTube video online of McGumbus walking in slow motion with his grenade launcher through the fire like some kind of 103-year-old Terminator. No arrests were made.

–David Lion Rattiner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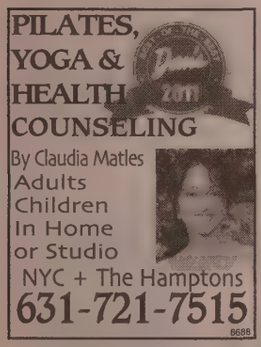

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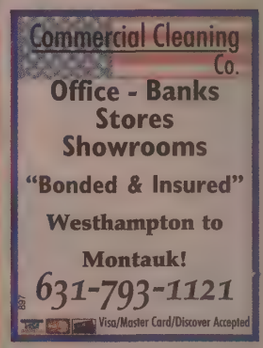

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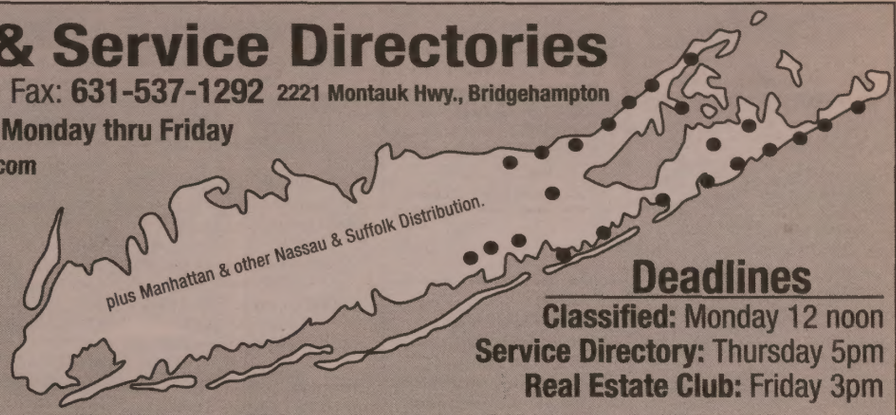

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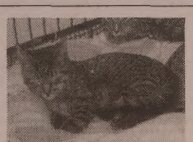

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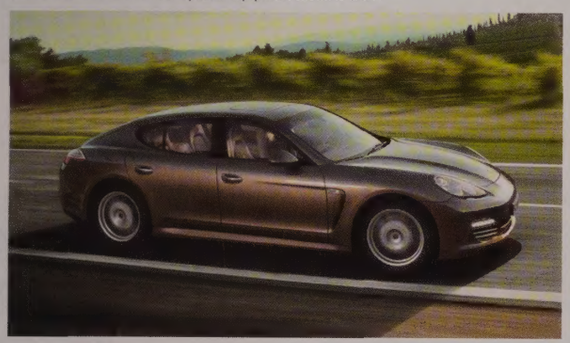

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